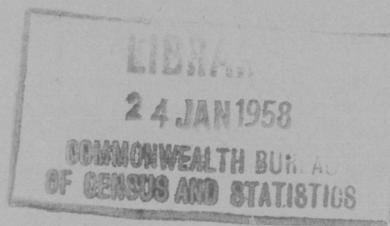


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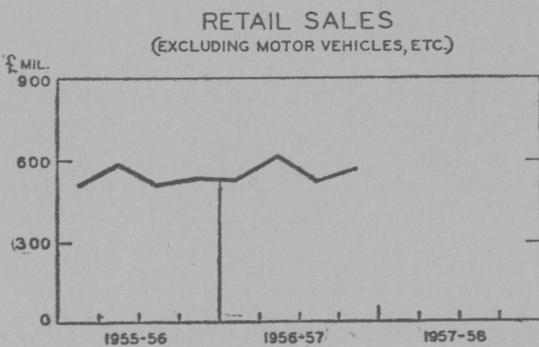
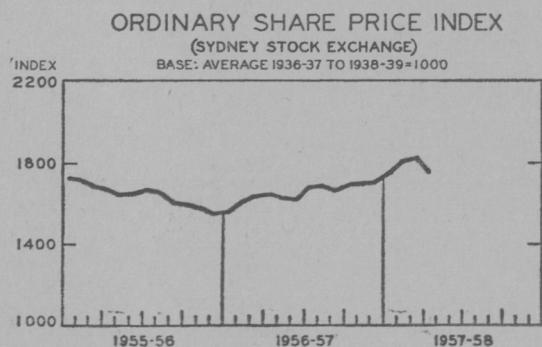
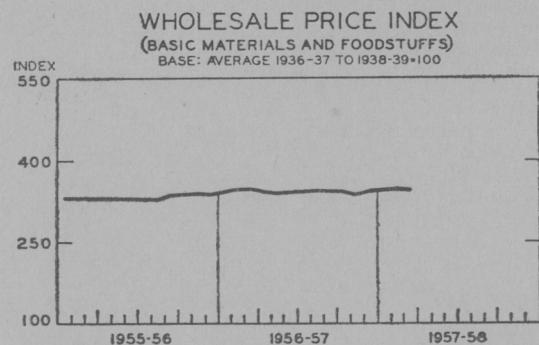
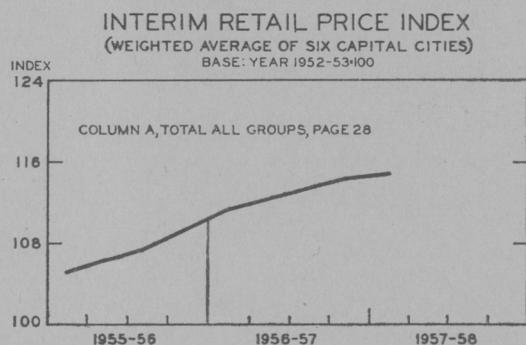
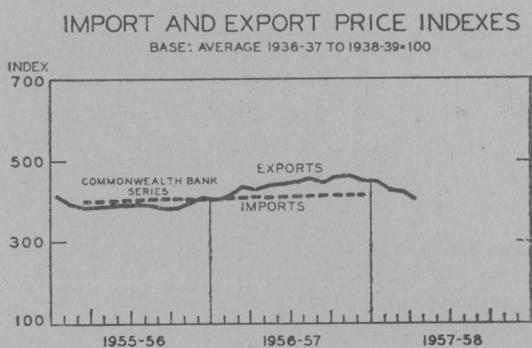
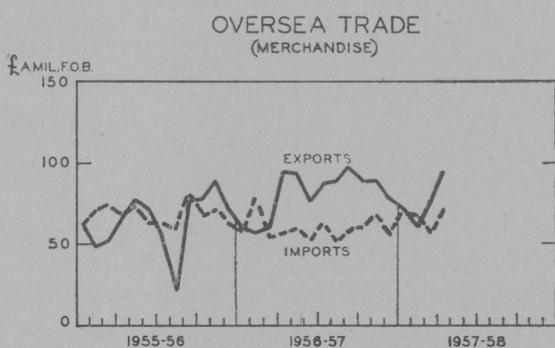
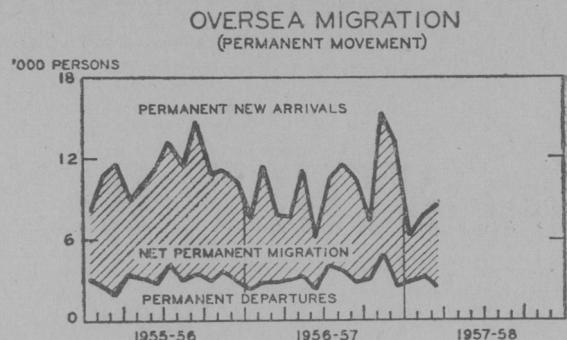
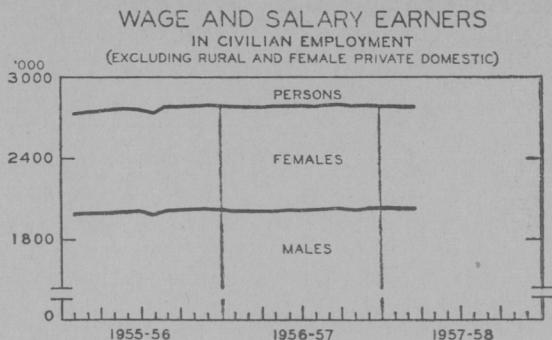
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein :—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (Excluding Rural and female private domestic)			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base : 1945-46 = 1,000)	Internal Trade.		Overseas Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Permits(e) Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.	New Houses Com-menced.(f)
	—End of Month (a).				Whole-sale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.		
	Males.	Females.	Total							
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.
1937-38 ..		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.
1938-39 ..	(g)1,293	(g)437	(g)1,730	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.
1950-51 ..	1,882	707	2,589	1,742	140.5	342.7	61.8	81.6	10,426	(h)20,686
1951-52 ..	1,915	709	2,624	2,145	162.1	404.0	87.5	55.4	9,700	20,001
1952-53 ..	1,876	670	2,546	2,350	158.1	425.8	42.5	70.7	10,045	16,115
1953-54 ..	1,914	695	2,609	2,462	179.5	460.2	56.5	67.7	12,356	18,811
1954-55 ..	1,971	727	2,698	2,572	205.5	503.6	70.1	63.2	17,920	18,870
1955-56 ..	2,012	753	2,765	2,743	221.3	541.1	68.2	64.2	18,892	17,725
1956-57 ..	2,023	762	2,785	2,899		560.3	59.7	81.3	17,440	16,831
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—										
October ..	2,002	748	2,750	2,731	224.7	596.3	68.1	65.6	18,197	
November ..	2,012	756	2,768		243.5		73.4	77.9	19,708	17,970
December ..	2,013	758	2,771	(i)2,743	222.2	(i) 63.4	63.2	72.4	16,230	
January ..	(i)1,991	752	(i)2,743		178.8		(i)55.4	14,653		
February ..	2,019	759	2,778	2,749	208.1	513.4	(i)59.1	(i)20.0	18,736	17,139
March ..	2,020	762	2,782	2,801	234.1	540.9	(i)80.5	(i)77.5	20,327	
April ..	2,026	760	2,786		217.8		68.0	(i)78.0	17,755	
May ..	2,028	761	2,789	2,801	235.4	540.9	71.6	(i)89.9	22,286	16,298
June ..	2,026	759	2,785		223.7		63.4	(i)72.9	18,133	
1956-57—										
July ..	2,022	758	2,780	2,863	210.3	532.7	57.3	60.9	18,873	
August ..	2,020	756	2,776		237.6		78.8	57.3	18,047	16,589
September ..	2,020	757	2,777	2,903	229.5	r618.1	53.7	60.1	15,736	
October ..	2,018	759	2,777		254.7		57.1	95.3	19,351	
November ..	2,027	765	2,792	2,903	259.9	59.7	93.6	18,264	16,608	16,608
December ..	2,022	764	2,786	2,910	235.2		52.1	76.0	12,093	
January ..	2,018	759	2,777	2,921	209.2	531.0	62.6	87.6	15,400	
February ..	2,026	767	2,793		224.9		51.1	89.3	16,433	16,693
March ..	2,029	769	2,798	2,921	233.4	559.3	58.6	97.4	18,082	
April ..	2,022	765	2,787		227.8		60.8	87.3	16,263	
May ..	2,026	765	2,791	2,921	252.9	r222.7	69.1	90.7	21,340	17,435
June ..	2,027	762	2,789		222.7		55.9	78.1	19,392	
1957-58—							p	p		
July ..	2,022	762	2,784	2,965	r235.5	p237.1	70.6	70.6	19,997	
August ..	2,018	763	2,781		p237.1		67.9	59.1	21,330	
September ..	2,022	765	2,787				56.9	76.8	19,789	
October ..							71.9	94.8	18,778	

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1950-51 subject to revision.

(b) Seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

(c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts.

(d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.

(e) All building operations for which permits granted by local government authorities. Excludes Government buildings (see note (a) page 33).

(f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years, and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes Northern Territory.

(g) July, 1939: obtained from National Register. (h) Partly estimated. (i) Affected by industrial disputes.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—continued.

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingots Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered (a) (Excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Government Railways : Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks. (b)		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
Monthly Average—	'000 tons.	Million kWh	'000 tons.	'000.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
1936-37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937-38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938-39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1949-50 ..	1,243	792	101.5	9.6	4.8	7,683	3,196	910.1	403.9	271.1
1950-51 ..	1,368	875	120.3	10.7	6.5	8,804	3,732	1,144.2	479.3	372.9
1951-52 ..	1,598	941	126.8	10.5	6.1	11,626	4,948	1,201.7	621.4	402.4
1952-53 ..	1,545	1,004	150.1	7.8	4.3	12,903	5,367	1,162.4	638.1	389.3
1953-54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	446.5
1954-55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	491.6
1955-56 ..	p1,586	p1,399	p194.9	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	521.4
1956-57 ..	p1,638	p1,531	p237.8	12.5	4.9		7,519	1,328.0	762.6	562.7
Monthly Total—						(c)				
1955-56—	p	p	p							
October ..	1,681	1,369	194.2	15.0	6.6	15,236	6,766	1,277.1	831.4	519.2
November ..	1,737	1,358	192.2	14.9	6.0	15,512	6,437	1,295.8	823.3	551.4
December ..	1,346	1,300	192.7	14.4	5.9	14,254	7,142	1,321.5	814.5	563.1
January ..	843	1,263	197.5	9.9	4.6	13,552	6,097	1,331.8	784.2	489.8
February ..	1,447	1,299	192.7	12.3	5.3	13,521	6,285	1,331.9	773.7	501.5
March ..	1,479	1,389	202.3	14.2	5.6	14,790	6,802	1,334.4	776.2	526.9
April ..	1,547	1,356	187.6	11.0	5.0	14,151	6,117	1,321.5	786.8	522.4
May ..	1,774	1,545	218.2	12.2	6.2	15,547	7,352	1,277.8	798.4	561.4
June ..	1,691	1,565	217.0	11.7	5.3	15,541	7,422	1,260.4	793.9	525.3
1956-57—										
July ..	1,852	1,655	230.3	11.8	5.4	15,227	6,743	1,243.4	797.7	541.7
August ..	1,930	1,652	206.6	13.7	5.2	16,806	6,716	1,234.4	787.0	482.1
September ..	1,703	1,500	228.6	11.5	4.5	16,094	6,455	1,248.5	778.5	526.1
October ..	1,909	1,538	226.5	13.4	5.5	17,497	8,110	1,281.5	780.2	562.2
November ..	1,844	1,486	247.7	14.1	5.6	16,712	7,225	1,311.4	771.2	571.2
December ..	1,275	1,394	247.0	12.0	4.4	14,552	7,611	1,340.6	762.2	589.6
January ..	r1,087	1,410	260.4	10.9	3.9	15,027	7,073	1,362.5	744.9	531.0
February ..	r1,625	1,388	237.5	12.0	3.3	14,585	7,312	1,390.9	732.5	590.7
March ..	r1,612	1,543	254.5	12.1	5.3	15,347	8,020	1,416.3	725.5	597.1
April ..	1,516	1,502	246.9	11.3	4.7	15,220	7,539	1,395.0	743.5	593.9
May ..	1,726	1,693	250.5	14.6	5.8	16,569	8,457	1,368.7	757.3	597.2
June ..	1,579	1,616	246.8	12.3	5.3	14,454	8,962	1,362.1	766.2	588.8
1957-58—										
July ..	1,914	1,817	264.2	13.0	5.3		7,423	1,349.6	770.5	600.7
August ..	1,840	1,765	271.7	r11.9	r5.4		7,532	1,331.9	762.0	527.5
September ..	1,825		261.5	p13.4	p5.7		7,503	1,342.2	756.1	577.0
October ..			263.9	p14.7	p6.5		8,563	1,385.5	765.5	603.3

(a) Excludes Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938-39.
 (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays. (c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS : AUSTRALIA.

Period.		Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—								
1947-48	.. ..	19,008	44,252	18,876	25,376	7,341	(d) 32,351	7,708,761
1948-49	.. ..	18,498	44,149	19,041	25,108	25,287	(d) 49,826	7,908,066
1949-50	.. ..	18,558	47,048	19,001	28,047	40,387	(d) 67,657	8,178,696
1950-51	.. ..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52	.. ..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53	.. ..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54	.. ..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	e 8,986,530
1954-55	.. ..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56	.. ..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57	.. ..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
Quarterly Total—								
1953-54—								
June	Qtr. ..	18,600	50,613	20,677	29,936	10,340	(d) 39,824	e 8,986,530
1954-55—								
September	.. ..	15,097	50,772	24,670	26,102	16,809	42,911	9,029,441
December	.. ..	19,664	51,162	19,091	32,071	28,883	60,954	9,090,395
March	.. ..	17,705	51,318	17,680	33,638	25,101	58,739	9,149,134
June	.. ..	18,924	51,600	20,723	30,877	20,680	51,557	9,200,691
1955-56—								
September	.. ..	15,449	53,714	24,209	29,505	25,853	55,358	9,256,049
December	.. ..	20,094	51,045	19,424	31,621	25,621	57,242	9,313,291
March	.. ..	18,680	52,614	18,073	34,541	29,421	63,962	9,377,253
June	.. ..	18,453	53,502	21,140	32,362	17,943	50,305	9,427,558
1956-57—								
September	.. ..	15,328	53,698	26,511	27,187	24,446	51,633	9,479,191
December	.. ..	19,319	52,319	20,364	31,955	22,188	54,143	9,533,334
March	.. ..	18,825	55,546	18,641	36,905	21,198	58,103	9,591,437
June	.. ..	18,971	53,450	20,353	33,097	18,545	51,642	9,643,079

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June

POPULATION: STATES.

Date.	New South Wales	Victoria.	Queens-land	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tas-mania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia
30th June—									
1948	..	3,015,763	2,092,320	1,131,200	661,153	515,074	261,206	12,254	19,791
1949	..	3,092,621	2,142,986	1,159,124	679,305	532,191	267,062	13,391	21,386
1950	..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824
1951	..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892
1952	..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360
1953	..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645
1954 (a)	..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315
1955	..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424
1956	..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34,481
1957	..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	c 37,865

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:— 1955, 32,750; 1956, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA MIGRATION.

Permanent movement relates to persons, other than Australian troops, intending residence for one year or longer—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. Temporary movement relates to persons intending residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Temporary Movement.				Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas		Arrivals.	Australian Residents Departing.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Arriving.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1947-48 ..	2,238	1,981	1,729	1,897	3,881	1,523	2,358
1948-49 ..	2,007	1,898	2,829	2,566	9,568	1,511	8,057
1949-50 ..	2,336	2,500	3,470	3,644	15,407	1,608	13,799
1950-51 ..	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951-52 ..	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952-53 ..	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953-54 ..	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954-55 ..	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955-56 ..	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956-57 ..	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
Monthly Total—							
1955-56—							
September ..	4,781	2,714	4,021	3,847	11,675	1,989	9,686
October ..	6,313	4,558	5,078	4,501	8,868	3,451	5,417
November ..	5,735	3,530	4,611	4,876	10,083	3,224	6,859
December ..	5,158	5,376	5,618	4,755	11,221	2,793	8,428
January ..	6,201	4,828	5,703	5,468	13,328	4,227	9,101
February ..	4,549	4,936	5,294	4,826	11,436	3,004	8,432
March ..	4,942	6,316	5,430	5,109	14,843	3,591	11,252
April ..	4,431	5,500	4,252	4,863	10,913	2,983	7,930
May ..	3,937	6,315	4,771	4,923	11,057	3,844	7,213
June ..	3,687	3,559	3,405	3,929	10,393	2,987	7,406
1956-57—							
July ..	2,964	2,909	3,444	3,371	7,551	2,425	5,126
August ..	4,899	3,167	4,068	4,000	11,353	2,858	8,495
September ..	5,634	2,568	4,516	3,703	7,917	2,899	5,018
October ..	5,291	2,761	5,246	4,535	7,749	3,098	4,651
November ..	5,540	4,462	14,286	6,080	11,063	3,372	7,691
December ..	5,533	4,079	5,603	13,526	6,219	2,429	3,790
January ..	5,347	4,437	5,333	6,432	10,731	4,143	6,588
February ..	4,787	5,010	5,557	5,639	11,577	3,740	7,837
March ..	4,203	5,007	5,674	5,315	10,601	2,889	7,712
April ..	3,853	6,206	4,311	5,443	7,409	3,192	4,217
May ..	3,870	5,792	4,530	5,626	15,378	4,881	10,497
June ..	3,331	3,545	3,815	3,738	13,053	2,582	10,471
1957-58—							
July ..	3,901	3,531	3,728	3,949	6,310	3,040	3,270
August ..	4,424	3,531	4,423	4,118	7,811	3,333	4,478
September ..	5,028	3,875	4,394	4,045	8,589	2,639	5,950

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.(a)
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Month.	Total Civilian Employment. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authori- ties.(b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- to- ries. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struction.	Trans- port and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	
MALES.										
1939—July	..	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	259.7	133.6
1955—June	..	599.1	1,401.4	2,000.5	58.3	714.5	211.8	308.7	129.2	207.1
1956—June	..	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7
1957—June	..	r609.5	1,416.9	r2,026.4	56.3	722.3	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0
1956—June	..	604.9	1,421.0	2,025.9	57.3	722.2	214.6	310.4	129.9	212.7
July	..	605.7	1,416.2	2,021.9	57.2	719.9	214.0	311.0	129.5	211.0
August	..	605.7	1,414.3	2,020.0	57.5	718.2	212.7	312.2	129.0	211.3
September	..	604.0	1,416.1	2,020.1	57.5	718.1	212.4	311.0	128.7	212.9
1957—June	..	r609.5	1,416.9	r2,026.4	56.3	722.3	207.3	313.0	129.4	214.0
July	..	r609.6	1,412.6	r2,022.2	56.1	721.0	206.7	312.0	129.6	212.6
August	..	r608.1	1,410.0	r2,018.1	55.1	719.9	204.4	311.1	129.5	213.4
September	..	607.9	1,413.8	2,021.7	54.5	722.5	203.4	310.5	130.0	215.4
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.6	114.9	129.0
1955—June	..	122.8	615.7	738.5	1.1	225.3	4.9	38.4	121.6	83.1
1956—June	..	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1
1957—June	..	r132.8	629.6	r762.4	1.2	225.6	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3
1956—June	..	129.8	629.1	758.9	1.2	228.3	5.1	40.1	122.9	88.1
July	..	130.8	626.8	757.6	1.2	226.7	5.1	40.2	122.4	87.8
August	..	130.6	625.7	756.3	1.2	226.3	5.1	40.1	121.0	87.9
September	..	129.9	627.1	757.0	1.2	227.2	5.1	40.0	121.1	87.7
1957—June	..	r132.8	629.6	r762.4	1.2	225.6	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.3
July	..	r133.7	628.3	r762.0	1.2	224.8	5.3	40.1	121.3	90.1
August	..	r133.6	628.7	r762.3	1.2	224.9	5.3	40.0	121.0	90.1
September	..	133.6	631.5	765.1	1.2	225.7	5.3	40.0	122.1	90.3
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.5	374.6	262.6
1955—June	..	721.9	2,017.1	2,739.0	59.4	939.8	216.7	347.1	250.8	290.2
1956—June	..	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8
1957—June	..	r742.3	2,046.5	r2,788.8	57.5	947.9	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3
1956—June	..	734.7	2,050.1	2,784.8	58.5	950.5	219.7	350.5	252.8	300.8
July	..	736.5	2,043.0	2,779.5	58.4	946.6	219.1	351.2	251.9	298.8
August	..	736.3	2,040.0	2,776.3	58.7	944.5	217.8	352.3	250.0	299.2
September	..	733.9	2,043.2	2,777.1	58.7	945.3	217.5	351.0	249.8	300.6
1957—June	..	r742.3	2,046.5	r2,788.8	57.5	947.9	212.6	353.1	250.7	304.3
July	..	r743.3	2,040.9	r2,784.2	57.3	945.8	212.0	352.1	250.9	302.7
August	..	r741.7	2,038.7	r2,780.4	56.3	944.8	209.7	351.1	250.5	303.5
September	..	741.5	2,045.3	2,786.8	55.7	948.2	208.7	350.5	252.1	305.7
(a) Excludes Defence Forces, at home or abroad, and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. Figures from June, 1954, subject to revision. (b) Includes all employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees within Australia. (c) Pay-roll series subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, other Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).										

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : STATES.(a)

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Month.		New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
MALES.										
1939—July	..	529.9	357.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1955—June	..	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	4.8	8.7	2,000.5
1956—June	..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
1957—June	..	789.5	r565.0	275.8	182.9	133.6	65.2	5.5	8.9	r2,026.4
1956—May	..	788.6	565.2	274.7	184.9	136.2	65.0	5.0	8.5	2,028.1
June	..	787.8	564.2	276.0	184.5	135.5	64.4	5.0	8.5	2,025.9
July	..	786.1	563.1	276.5	183.5	134.6	64.6	5.1	8.4	2,021.9
August	..	786.6	561.3	277.0	182.5	134.7	64.4	5.1	8.4	2,020.0
September		786.8	561.6	276.7	182.6	134.4	64.4	5.1	8.5	2,020.1
1957—May	..	789.9	564.9	274.1	183.3	134.1	65.7	5.5	8.8	2,026.3
June	..	789.5	r565.0	275.8	182.9	133.6	65.2	5.5	8.9	r2,026.4
July	..	788.3	r564.2	275.0	182.1	133.3	64.8	5.5	9.0	r2,022.2
August	..	785.9	r563.4	274.1	182.2	133.4	64.5	5.5	9.1	r2,018.1
September		788.5	564.5	273.3	182.4	133.7	64.5	5.5	9.3	2,021.7
FEMALES.										
1939—July	..	168.0	142.9	53.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1955—June	..	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	1.0	2.9	738.5
1956—June	..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
1957—June	..	302.2	r233.4	92.8	62.8	44.2	22.6	1.2	3.2	r762.4
1956—May	..	300.7	233.4	91.0	63.3	45.0	23.0	1.1	3.1	760.6
June	..	300.2	233.0	91.2	62.9	44.6	22.8	1.1	3.1	758.9
July	..	299.5	232.5	91.3	63.1	44.6	22.5	1.1	3.0	757.6
August	..	299.2	232.0	91.6	62.9	44.0	22.4	1.1	3.1	756.3
September		300.1	232.3	91.7	62.6	44.2	21.9	1.1	3.1	757.0
1957—May	..	303.0	233.8	92.7	63.1	44.7	22.9	1.1	3.2	764.5
June	..	302.2	r233.4	92.8	62.8	44.2	22.6	1.2	3.2	r762.4
July	..	302.1	r233.1	92.8	62.9	44.4	22.3	1.2	3.2	r762.0
August	..	302.7	r232.5	93.1	62.8	44.5	22.3	1.2	3.2	r762.3
September		304.7	232.7	93.2	63.2	44.8	22.0	1.2	3.3	765.1
PERSONS.										
1939—July	..	697.9	500.4	226.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,730.2
1955—June	..	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	5.8	11.6	2,739.0
1956—June	..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
1957—June	..	1,091.7	r798.4	368.6	245.7	177.8	87.8	6.7	12.1	r2,788.8
1956—May	..	1,089.3	798.6	365.7	248.2	181.2	88.0	6.1	11.6	2,788.7
June	..	1,088.0	797.2	367.2	247.4	180.1	87.2	6.1	11.6	2,784.8
July	..	1,085.6	795.6	367.8	246.6	179.2	87.1	6.2	11.4	2,779.5
August	..	1,085.8	793.3	368.6	245.4	178.7	86.8	6.2	11.5	2,776.3
September		1,086.9	793.9	368.4	245.2	178.6	86.3	6.2	11.6	2,777.1
1957—May	..	1,092.9	798.7	366.8	246.4	178.8	88.6	6.6	12.0	2,790.8
June	..	1,091.7	r798.4	368.6	245.7	177.8	87.8	6.7	12.1	r2,788.8
July	..	1,090.4	r797.3	367.8	245.0	177.7	87.1	6.7	12.2	r2,784.2
August	..	1,088.6	r795.9	367.2	245.0	177.9	86.8	6.7	12.3	r2,780.4
September		1,093.2	797.2	366.5	245.6	178.5	86.5	6.7	12.6	2,786.8

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp. See also notes on page 6.

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WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- toria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.				Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Un- adjusted.	
										Divided by Index of Total Population.	
Monthly Average—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.		
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1949-50 ..	358.8	281.5	79.6	75.7	36.6	21.9	636.9	217.2	854.1	1,624	1,386
1950-51 ..	379.0	290.4	83.2	80.8	38.6	22.2	664.8	229.4	894.2	1,701	1,408
1951-52 ..	377.9	292.2	83.1	81.3	38.8	22.0	672.3	223.0	895.3	1,703	1,369
1952-53 ..	351.4	279.1	82.1	77.2	38.7	21.5	652.7	197.3	850.0	1,617	1,268
1953-54 ..	369.6	296.1	85.0	82.2	40.3	22.4	681.1	214.5	895.6	1,703	1,312
1954-55 ..	384.0	308.5	87.1	85.1	41.3	23.0	704.9	224.1	929.0	1,767	1,334
1955-56 ..	391.5	315.6	87.8	87.0	41.8	24.3	719.8	228.2	948.0	1,803	1,328
1956-57 ..	392.9	313.4	88.1	85.9	40.9	25.4	719.2	227.4	946.6	1,800	1,296
Monthly Total—											
1955-56—											
September ..	390.2	312.9	90.0	86.0	42.0	23.2	717.4	226.9	944.3	1,796	1,333
October ..	391.7	314.5	90.0	86.0	41.9	23.3	718.7	228.7	947.4	1,802	1,335
November ..	393.3	315.6	90.2	86.4	42.2	23.5	722.4	228.8	951.2	1,809	1,338
December ..	392.3	314.8	85.0	87.3	42.3	24.4	718.5	227.6	946.1	1,800	1,328
January(b) ..	391.1	315.5	83.4	88.7	42.1	24.8	718.9	226.7	945.6	1,799	1,324
February ..	394.2	318.9	85.4	88.3	42.0	24.7	721.8	231.7	953.5	1,814	1,332
March ..	392.5	319.6	86.0	88.6	41.7	24.8	722.4	230.8	953.2	1,813	1,328
April ..	393.1	318.5	87.0	87.8	41.5	25.4	723.9	229.4	953.3	1,813	1,326
May ..	392.4	317.5	88.1	87.1	41.3	25.5	723.1	228.8	951.9	1,810	1,321
June ..	391.6	316.6	89.5	86.4	41.0	25.4	722.2	228.3	950.5	1,808	1,318
1956-57—											
July ..	389.5	315.0	90.0	86.1	40.7	25.3	719.9	226.7	946.6	1,800	1,309
August ..	390.0	313.6	89.5	85.8	40.5	25.1	718.2	226.3	944.5	1,796	1,304
September ..	390.9	313.7	89.7	85.6	40.8	24.6	718.1	227.2	945.3	1,798	1,303
October ..	391.1	312.5	89.3	85.5	40.9	24.7	716.9	227.1	944.0	1,795	1,299
November ..	392.8	313.3	89.6	85.2	41.0	24.8	719.3	227.4	946.7	1,801	1,300
December ..	391.6	311.7	85.2	85.2	41.0	25.4	715.3	224.8	940.1	1,788	1,288
January ..	393.0	310.7	83.4	86.8	40.9	26.2	715.0	226.0	941.0	1,790	1,288
February ..	394.9	314.3	87.3	87.1	41.0	26.0	720.3	230.3	950.6	1,808	1,298
March ..	396.8	316.8	87.9	87.0	41.1	25.7	722.6	232.7	955.3	1,817	1,303
April ..	395.0	314.0	87.3	86.1	41.0	25.8	720.4	228.8	949.2	1,805	1,291
May ..	395.3	312.7	88.1	85.4	41.1	25.6	721.6	226.6	948.2	1,804	1,288
June ..	394.4	312.1	90.1	85.3	40.7	25.3	722.3	225.6	947.9	1,803	1,284
1957-58—											
July ..	393.9	311.2	90.1	85.1	40.5	25.0	721.0	224.8	945.8	1,799	1,280
August ..	393.6	311.0	89.7	85.2	40.5	24.8	719.9	224.9	944.8	1,797	1,276
September ..	396.3	311.5	89.3	85.7	40.9	24.5	722.5	225.7	948.2	1,804	1,279

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures from 1949-50 subject to revision. (b) Affected by industrial disputes.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)			
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Monthly Average—										
1950-51..	..	97.2	68.8	31.1	23.9	18.2	7.3	129.3	117.8	247.1
1951-52..	..	95.9	68.6	31.3	23.6	18.4	7.3	128.0	117.7	245.7
1952-53..	..	90.1	66.1	30.0	22.4	18.1	7.2	124.2	110.4	234.6
1953-54..	..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0	241.2
1954-55..	..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	119.8	249.5
1955-56..	..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	124.2	254.7
1956-57..	..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.0	122.7	252.7
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—										
September	..	96.1	70.6	31.3	24.9	19.6	7.8	128.9	122.1	251.0
October	..	96.5	71.2	31.6	25.1	19.7	7.9	129.5	123.3	252.8
November	..	100.6	73.0	32.5	25.7	20.0	8.1	131.9	128.8	260.7
December	..	106.0	73.5	32.5	26.3	20.5	8.3	135.6	132.3	267.9
January	..	98.0	72.3	32.1	25.9	20.2	8.0	131.4	125.9	257.3
February	..	96.6	71.2	31.4	25.7	19.9	8.0	130.2	123.3	253.5
March	..	97.2	71.2	31.5	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.5	123.2	253.7
April	96.3	71.2	31.6	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.1	122.7	252.8
May	96.5	71.3	31.7	25.4	19.7	8.0	130.1	123.3	253.4
June	96.0	71.6	31.9	25.2	19.6	7.8	129.9	122.9	252.8
1956-57—										
July	95.8	71.0	31.7	25.3	19.6	7.8	129.5	122.4	251.9
August	95.1	70.6	31.6	24.8	19.5	7.8	129.0	121.0	250.0
September	94.9	70.8	31.5	24.8	19.4	7.7	128.7	121.1	249.8
October	95.3	71.2	31.9	24.9	19.6	7.8	129.2	122.2	251.4
November	99.1	72.9	32.7	25.2	19.7	7.9	131.9	126.5	258.4
December	103.5	73.8	32.9	25.1	20.2	8.4	134.8	130.0	264.8
January	96.1	71.1	32.1	25.0	19.9	8.1	130.2	122.9	253.1
February	95.3	70.9	31.9	24.7	19.8	8.0	129.7	121.6	251.3
March	95.2	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.8	7.9	129.1	121.2	250.3
April	94.7	70.5	31.6	24.6	19.6	8.0	128.8	120.7	249.5
May	95.5	70.7	32.1	24.4	19.9	7.9	129.3	121.9	251.2
June	95.0	70.7	32.2	24.4	19.8	7.9	129.4	121.3	250.7
1957-58—										
July	95.4	70.7	32.2	24.3	19.8	7.8	129.6	121.3	250.9
August	95.8	70.3	32.1	24.3	19.5	7.7	129.5	121.0	250.5
September	96.5	71.0	32.3	24.4	19.6	7.7	130.0	122.1	252.1

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. Figures subject to revision.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment) and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(b)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).								
1950-51	..	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	..	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	..	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	..	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
1954-55	..	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
1955-56	..	18,955	13,358	5,809	4,195	2,897	1,476	46,690
1956-57	..	20,167	14,111	6,218	4,387	2,979	1,596	49,458
1955-56—								
September Qtr.	..	18,454	12,890	5,765	4,097	2,844	1,414	45,464
December	..	19,683	13,664	6,034	4,267	2,980	1,462	48,090
March	..	18,229	12,832	5,435	4,057	2,849	1,442	44,844
June	..	19,453	14,045	6,002	4,359	2,915	1,587	48,361
1956-57—								
September	..	19,613	13,877	6,145	4,364	3,003	1,529	48,531
December	..	21,038	14,627	6,584	4,497	3,011	1,610	51,367
March	..	19,420	13,500	5,837	4,231	2,899	1,584	47,471
June	..	20,595	14,441	6,304	4,456	3,005	1,660	50,461
1957-58—								
September	..	20,432	14,330	6,320	4,483	3,089	1,542	50,196

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(c)								
1950-51	..	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	..	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	..	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	..	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
1954-55	..	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42
1955-56	..	18.16	18.22	15.34	17.10	16.37	16.66	17.51
1956-57	..	19.20	19.13	16.24	17.70	17.02	17.73	18.43
1955-56—								
September Qtr.	..	17.79	17.75	15.16	16.98	16.12	16.11	17.16
December	..	18.83	18.68	15.89	17.49	16.82	16.65	18.04
March	..	17.46	17.43	14.54	16.43	16.08	16.25	16.81
June	..	18.57	19.00	15.75	17.51	16.45	17.61	18.02
1956-57—								
September	..	18.75	18.87	15.97	17.63	17.14	17.15	18.12
December	..	20.01	19.84	17.14	18.20	17.19	18.04	19.13
March	..	18.45	18.27	15.37	17.01	16.57	17.43	17.67
June	..	19.60	19.54	16.46	17.94	17.18	18.30	18.78
1957-58—								
September	..	19.45	19.42	16.44	18.11	17.73	17.31	18.70

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Total wages as above divided by total civil employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences. The series is subject to revision, based on the results of the 1954 Census.

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.								Sickness.	Special. (b)
	New South Wales.(c)	Victoria.	Queens- land.	South Australia. (d)	Western Australia.	Tas- mania.	A.C.T. (e)	Australia.	Australia.	Australia.
Average of Monthly Figures—										
1949-50(f) ..	8,327	123	1,371	241	155	30	..	10,247	7,585	897
1950-51(f) ..	287	71	326	6	59	14	..	763	7,059	863
1951-52(f) ..	949	220	1,374	24	64	16	..	2,647	6,454	993
1952-53 ..	17,590	6,168	4,281	842	841	262	..	29,984	7,140	1,408
1953-54 ..	6,495	2,698	3,169	252	406	212	..	13,232	7,994	1,868
1954-55 ..	1,440	539	1,408	66	153	81	3	3,690	7,984	1,983
1955-56 ..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	6	4,013	7,303	1,973
1956-57 ..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	15	12,666	6,992	2,012
Last Saturday of Month—										
1955-56—										
October ..	658	294	427	46	215	85	2	1,727	7,402	1,957
November ..	644	277	431	44	216	64	1	1,677	7,409	1,970
December ..	965	356	1,442	56	377	48	1	3,245	6,703	1,943
January ..	1,321	359	2,561	46	414	40	1	4,742	6,846	1,965
February ..	1,932	341	3,371	55	374	50	5	6,128	7,150	1,998
March ..	2,233	350	3,268	62	536	31	12	g 6,494	6,855	1,966
April ..	1,771	566	2,223	86	683	30	18	g 5,379	6,979	1,947
May ..	1,837	760	1,562	140	989	36	11	h 5,336	7,129	1,977
June ..	2,313	1,412	1,270	319	1,606	71	12	7,003	7,244	1,947
1956-57—										
July ..	3,051	2,515	909	493	2,082	91	22	h 9,164	7,453	2,040
August ..	3,138	3,129	809	706	2,304	110	16	10,212	7,557	2,029
September ..	3,208	2,949	792	674	1,871	108	12	9,614	7,288	1,998
October ..	3,126	3,067	829	640	1,788	88	7	9,545	7,261	1,986
November ..	3,308	3,085	821	770	1,666	92	16	h 9,759	7,137	1,962
December ..	4,329	3,593	2,118	978	2,126	97	36	13,277	6,520	1,967
January ..	4,168	3,493	4,083	702	2,244	88	23	h 14,802	6,515	2,053
February ..	4,327	2,677	4,218	462	1,930	71	9	13,694	6,808	2,076
March ..	4,311	2,771	3,802	481	1,607	94	11	13,077	7,112	2,063
April ..	5,230	3,772	3,876	631	1,804	126	14	15,453	6,506	2,008
May ..	5,378	4,057	3,009	835	1,803	236	7	15,325	6,896	1,985
June ..	6,230	5,073	2,851	1,054	2,441	410	12	18,071	6,845	1,971
1957-58—										
July ..	7,318	5,887	2,411	1,345	2,772	543	15	20,291	6,813	1,970
August ..	7,878	5,618	2,216	1,320	2,458	665	20	20,175	7,176	1,965
September ..	7,177	5,271	2,458	1,233	2,120	695	19	g 18,975	7,305	r 1,997
October ..	6,446	4,661	2,585	1,240	2,075	662	17	g 17,688	7,309	2,050

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services. (b) Excludes migrants. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory prior to July, 1954. (d) Includes Northern Territory prior to July, 1954. (e) Included with New South Wales prior to July, 1954. (f) Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of Part VII. of the *Social Services Act 1947-1957*. (g) Includes Northern Territory, 2. (h) Includes Northern Territory, 1.

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UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number Admitted to Unemployment Benefit.(a)			Amount paid in Benefits during Month.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unemployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Migrants.	Ordinary.	
Monthly Average—								
1949-50..	10,854	2,571	13,425	105,506	68,001	35,361		208,868
1950-51..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	13,520	5,568	86,435
1951-52..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	2,319	6,911	83,971
1952-53..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	8,172	16,197	521,289
1953-54..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	4,561	25,639	378,621
1954-55..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	4,534	24,848	219,989
1955-56..	2,525	590	3,115	55,985	126,589	5,433	25,585	213,592
1956-57..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	6,785	26,954	333,286
Monthly Total—								
1955-56—								
October(b)	706	363	1,069	23,563	121,599	11,343	16,726	173,231
November	663	338	1,001	22,461	120,050	4,763	24,762	172,036
December(b)	2,225	449	2,674	23,298	121,350	2,603	23,519	170,770
January	3,733	439	4,172	52,714	139,321	6,945	26,958	225,938
February	5,851	850	6,701	80,469	119,925	7,737	22,343	230,474
March(b)	3,776	816	4,592	90,790	123,763	3,278	24,865	242,696
April ..	3,078	694	3,772	108,321	120,559	8,714	24,419	262,013
May ..	2,987	790	3,777	86,573	119,215	4,563	25,652	236,003
June(b)	4,919	1,066	5,985	86,720	124,246	3,797	27,032	241,795
1956-57—								
July ..	5,405	1,017	6,422	101,482	120,263	8,638	22,206	252,589
August	6,203	1,029	7,232	141,971	147,559	6,164	29,466	325,160
September(b)	6,289	985	7,274	137,539	122,136	5,042	22,366	287,083
October	4,703	828	5,531	145,851	137,133	1,789	27,377	312,150
November	4,564	987	5,551	128,343	108,286	1,647	24,028	262,304
December(b)	7,480	1,071	8,551	119,325	106,912	3,925	24,167	254,329
January	8,069	849	8,918	247,430	133,027	4,747	31,168	416,372
February	7,755	1,245	9,000	222,303	116,006	4,956	31,777	375,042
March(b)	6,907	1,467	8,374	193,234	117,846	7,286	25,130	343,496
April ..	7,319	1,364	8,683	172,388	105,214	7,762	24,025	309,389
May ..	6,893	1,323	8,216	230,126	135,683	10,889	30,128	406,826
June(b)	10,135	2,143	12,278	256,044	148,461	18,573	31,609	454,687
1957-58—								
July ..	9,165	1,959	11,124	265,287	100,619	19,757	22,636	408,299
August(b)	10,309	1,755	12,064	320,163	145,700	23,601	26,473	515,937
September	7,272	1,370	8,642	274,373	114,295	16,827	22,881	428,376
October	6,219	1,305	7,524	273,086	126,589	14,961	23,588	438,224

(a) Number admitted during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown.

(b) Number admitted during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA (a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards) and include the retail sales of establishments principally engaged in wholesale, manufacturing or servicing activities. The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49 to 1956-57 on a comparable basis throughout. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas figures for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys. To provide comparability with the 1952-53 Census an adjustment has been made in the figures originally published for hardware, china and glassware for 1948-49 and subsequent periods.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing, Drapery and Footwear.	Hardware. (c)	Electrical Goods. (d)	Furniture.	Other Goods.	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e)
Quarterly Average—											
1948-49 ..	35.9	16.3	29.1	23.8	59.5	13.9	8.5	11.6	42.0	240.6	41.5
1949-50 ..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0	16.6	10.9	13.6	51.1	276.4	68.3
1950-51 ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1	22.8	16.2	19.2	63.1	342.7	95.5
1951-52 ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9	27.4	19.4	19.0	76.9	404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.4	31.9	51.7	43.2	88.8	28.4	19.0	18.2	78.9	425.5	104.3
1953-54 ..	68.8	33.4	55.9	46.7	96.9	31.2	22.8	20.3	84.2	460.2	122.9
1954-55 ..	76.5	36.6	61.4	50.5	105.3	35.6	24.9	21.6	91.2	503.6	145.2
1955-56 ..	83.7	39.6	67.3	54.7	109.2	38.5	26.6	23.0	98.5	541.1	157.6
1956-57 ..	88.0	42.2	69.2	58.7	110.4	38.1	28.4	23.0	102.3	560.3	159.5
Quarterly Total—											
1951-52—											
June Qtr. ..	61.6	31.2	47.3	38.6	92.6	27.1	16.6	17.7	74.9	407.6	103.5
1952-53—											
Sept. ..	62.8	31.8	48.6	38.7	80.3	26.4	16.9	17.3	74.7	397.5	95.2
Dec. ..	68.9	32.1	54.2	47.4	100.6	30.9	22.5	19.8	89.4	465.8	110.3
Mar. ..	63.2	31.2	51.8	44.9	76.5	27.2	18.4	17.5	75.0	405.7	101.5
June ..	66.6	32.7	52.2	42.0	97.7	29.3	18.0	18.2	76.4	433.1	110.3
1953-54—											
Sept. ..	67.9	33.4	53.0	41.9	88.0	29.6	20.1	19.6	78.9	432.4	113.6
Dec. ..	72.9	33.8	58.5	51.9	111.4	34.9	28.0	22.8	96.6	510.8	127.3
Mar. ..	65.6	32.7	56.0	48.3	82.7	28.7	22.1	18.1	78.6	432.8	117.4
June ..	68.7	34.0	56.2	44.6	105.5	31.5	21.0	20.5	82.8	464.8	133.4
1954-55—											
Sept. ..	72.3	35.9	58.2	45.4	97.2	34.3	23.2	21.8	82.4	470.7	141.3
Dec. ..	80.7	36.5	64.0	53.5	120.1	39.2	30.5	24.3	105.0	553.8	148.6
Mar. ..	74.2	36.0	61.8	53.4	89.7	33.5	23.8	19.3	86.3	478.0	136.9
June ..	78.7	38.1	61.7	49.7	114.1	35.5	22.2	21.1	91.0	512.1	154.0
1955-56—											
Sept. ..	81.2	38.5	63.6	49.2	103.1	37.8	25.2	23.4	91.9	513.9	160.4
Dec. ..	86.1	39.4	70.0	58.6	125.4	42.4	33.0	25.6	115.8	596.3	164.5
Mar. ..	83.3	39.2	69.1	56.7	92.8	35.8	24.7	20.6	91.2	513.4	151.2
June ..	84.1	41.3	66.4	54.2	115.7	38.1	23.7	22.5	94.9	540.9	154.3
1956-57—											
Sept. ..	87.0	42.2	67.5	53.0	102.1	36.6	24.5	23.0	96.8	532.7	154.3
Dec. ..	91.9	42.5	71.7	63.9	128.4	42.3	34.0	25.9	117.5	618.1	165.4
Mar. ..	84.9	41.5	69.0	60.8	95.1	36.1	26.6	20.8	96.2	531.0	154.4
June ..	88.2	42.8	68.5	57.1	115.9	37.2	28.4	22.3	98.9	559.3	163.7

(a) Excludes Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory. (b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread. (c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, roofing tiles, bricks, etc.) (d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc. (e) Excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
Monthly Average—						
1954-55	23,116	15,908	688	9,197	398	58
1955-56	25,362	17,648	696	10,427	411	59
1956-57	26,220	18,607	710	11,321	432	61
Monthly Total—						
1956-57—						
September	25,964	18,740	722	11,270	434	60
October	29,976	21,607	721	13,212	441	61
November	28,326	20,305	717	12,420	438	61
December	24,671	17,080	692	10,406	422	61
January	25,732	17,574	683	10,692	416	61
February	23,452	16,578	707	10,101	431	61
March	25,326	18,039	712	10,950	432	61
April	24,498	17,279	705	10,542	430	61
May	27,011	19,565	724	11,905	441	61
June	24,370	17,124	703	10,429	428	61
1957-58—						
July p	27,544	19,431	705	11,924	433	61
August p	27,445	19,050	694	11,731	427	62
September p	27,489	19,177	698	11,668	424	61

PLANT AND MACHINERY.

Monthly Average—		1,238	779	629	476	384	61
1954-55	1,610	1,044	648	646	401	62	
1955-56	1,956	1,296	662	807	412	62	
Monthly Total—							
1956-57—							
September	1,615	1,476	914	956	592	65	
October	2,158	1,338	620	811	376	61	
November	2,303	1,473	640	902	392	61	
December	2,038	1,350	662	831	408	62	
January	2,173	1,282	590	795	366	62	
February	2,137	1,247	584	770	360	62	
March	2,350	1,376	586	828	352	60	
April	1,939	1,162	599	722	372	62	
May	1,933	1,306	676	805	416	62	
June	1,585	1,441	909	928	585	64	
1957-58—							
July p	1,493	977	654	624	418	64	
August p	1,638	1,233	753	763	466	62	
September p	1,704	1,350	792	848	498	63	

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

**RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY
FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.**

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.						
Monthly Average—						
1954-55	53,772	4,089	76	3,312	62
1955-56	56,963	4,306	76	3,494	61
1956-57	56,863	4,389	77	3,517	62
Monthly Total—						
1956-57—						
September	47,546	3,352	71	2,677	56
October	56,861	4,328	76	3,436	60
November	59,739	4,768	80	3,825	64
December	67,933	5,000	74	4,033	59
January	61,028	4,983	82	3,962	65
February	55,700	4,386	79	3,530	63
March	59,482	4,631	78	3,713	62
April	53,046	4,324	82	3,468	65
May	63,167	5,321	84	4,299	68
June	53,026	4,698	89	3,767	71
1957-58—						
July p	60,337	5,595	93	4,451	74
August p	59,384	5,684	96	4,574	77
September p	58,901	5,732	97	4,632	79
TOTAL (All Goods).						
Monthly Average—						
1954-55	78,126	20,776	266	12,985	166
1955-56	83,935	22,998	274	14,567	174
1956-57	85,039	24,292	286	15,645	184
Monthly Total—						
1956-57—						
September	75,125	23,568	313	14,903	198
October	88,995	27,273	306	17,459	196
November	90,368	26,546	294	17,147	190
December	94,642	23,430	248	15,270	161
January	88,933	23,839	268	15,449	174
February	81,289	22,211	273	14,401	177
March	87,158	24,046	276	15,491	178
April	79,483	22,765	286	14,732	185
May	92,111	26,192	284	17,009	185
June	78,981	23,263	295	15,124	191
1957-58—						
July p	89,374	26,003	291	16,999	190
August p	88,467	25,967	294	17,068	193
September p	88,094	26,259	298	17,148	195

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

**RETAIL SALES : HIRE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY
FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.**

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1953—							
31st March(d)	34,712	19,524	14,367	8,050	6,377	2,916	85,946
30th June(d)	35,246	20,052	15,087	8,477	6,765	3,108	88,735
30th September(d)	37,690	21,957	16,125	9,400	7,372	3,426	95,970
31st December(d)	43,205	25,407	18,404	10,959	8,415	3,865	110,255
1954—							
31st March	47,006	27,615	19,710	11,868	8,957	4,232	119,388
30th June ..	50,863	30,806	22,385	13,266	10,154	4,772	132,246
30th September	54,457	34,240	24,076	14,925	11,382	5,274	144,354
31st December	61,413	38,877	26,537	16,730	12,525	5,918	162,000
1955—							
31st March	65,469	41,843	27,472	17,425	13,197	6,434	171,840
30th June ..	69,240	44,590	29,067	18,354	14,151	7,012	182,414
30th September	75,422	48,283	31,029	19,749	15,078	7,460	197,021
31st December	79,879	53,180	32,477	21,352	16,080	7,951	210,919
1956—							
31st January ..	79,252	53,525	32,393	21,173	16,192	8,048	210,583
29th February ..	78,819	54,438	32,089	21,212	15,844	8,060	210,462
31st March ..	78,935	55,030	32,060	21,266	15,844	8,033	211,168
30th April ..	78,651	55,365	31,952	21,102	15,703	8,067	210,840
31st May ..	78,937	55,792	31,907	21,147	15,535	8,157	211,475
30th June ..	79,071	56,025	31,941	21,195	15,408	8,163	211,803
31st July ..	79,302	56,433	32,405	21,383	15,292	8,249	213,064
31st August ..	79,932	57,110	32,975	21,838	15,280	8,362	215,497
30th September ..	80,889	57,748	33,521	22,281	15,289	8,477	218,205
31st October ..	81,836	58,617	34,331	22,844	15,441	8,632	221,701
30th November ..	82,535	59,972	35,013	23,632	15,637	8,804	225,593
31st December ..	83,794	61,023	35,610	24,213	15,899	9,004	229,543
1957—							
31st January ..	84,036	61,223	35,887	24,590	15,794	8,959	230,489
28th February ..	83,819	61,328	36,010	24,696	15,417	8,938	230,208
31st March ..	83,582	61,854	36,136	24,672	15,325	9,011	230,580
30th April ..	83,841	62,292	36,307	24,626	15,447	8,972	231,485
31st May ..	84,104	63,083	36,404	24,772	15,519	9,024	232,906
30th June ..	84,831	64,042	36,415	24,873	15,488	9,010	234,659
31st July p ..	85,585	65,040	36,522	24,898	15,546	9,002	236,593
31st August p ..	86,530	66,126	36,910	25,070	15,736	8,997	239,369
30th September p ..	88,165	67,163	37,303	25,303	15,946	8,988	242,868

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
(c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) Excludes balances outstanding on agreements originally financed by retailers but subsequently assigned to finance businesses. At 31st March, 1954, these balances amounted to less than £1 million in Australia.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

	Period.	Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.							
		Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.					
1936-37	..	15.4	21.8	37.2					
1937-38	..	16.9	23.6	40.5					
1938-39	..	16.4	23.4	39.8					
1946-47	..	24.6	42.2	66.8					
1947-48	..	26.2	53.3	79.5					
1948-49	..	30.3	63.1	93.4					
1949-50	..	38.0	72.2	110.2					
1950-51	..	45.6	94.9	140.5					
1951-52	..	52.0	110.1	162.1					
1952-53	..	46.3	111.8	158.1					
1953-54	..	57.3	122.2	179.5					
1954-55	..	63.9	141.6	205.5					
1955-56	..	66.5	154.8	221.3					
1956-57	..	65.1	168.1	233.2					
		Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.							
		10%	12½%	16⅔%					
		25%	30%						
1956-57—				Monthly Net Sales Recorded.					
August	..	12.8	29.5	9.3	66.9	170.7	237.6		
September	..	12.3	28.3	8.7	5.9	64.3	165.2	229.5	
October	..	14.3	31.9	10.3	7.1	74.3	180.4	254.7	
November	..	15.0	32.7	9.9	7.7	75.9	184.0	259.9	
December	..	14.9	31.6	8.6	7.2	71.4	163.8	235.2	
January	..	10.1	25.5	6.7	4.4	8.0	r54.8	r154.4	209.2
February	..	11.5	27.1	8.7	5.2	9.1	61.6	163.3	224.9
March	..	12.1	27.4	9.2	5.8	9.6	64.1	169.3	233.4
April	..	11.3	25.4	8.9	5.7	9.4	60.7	167.1	227.8
May	..	13.0	28.3	9.8	6.8	11.2	69.1	183.8	252.9
June	..	10.5	r23.6	8.2	5.9	r10.2	r58.4	r164.3	r222.7
1957-58—									
July(a) r	..	11.7	27.8	8.5	7.0	9.4	64.4	171.1	235.5
August(a)	..	12.7	28.6	8.2	7.0	7.1	63.6	173.5	237.1

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—								Fuels and Lubricants. (d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)	Munitions and War Stores.			
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total. (c)							
	Class IA.	Class Ib.	Motor Vehicle Assembly. ab	Other. (c)	Class Ic (1-4).	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.						
Monthly														
Average—		%	%	%	%	%			%	%	%			
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7	(f)	(f)	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	7.2		
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	(f)	(f)	4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	7.4		
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	7.8		
1950-51 ..	3,408	5.5	415	0.7			22,231	36.0	26,054	42.2	5,032	8.1		
1951-52 ..	4,898	5.6	518	0.6			32,889	37.6	38,305	43.8	5,902	6.8		
1952-53 ..	1,482	3.5	368	0.9	(f)	(f)	14,228	33.4	16,078	37.8	5,313	12.5		
1953-54 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8			19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	10.0		
1954-55 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	6.9		
1955-56 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	34,454	50.6	3,889	5.7		
1956-57 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,342	3.9		
Monthly Total—														
1955-56—									(g)					
October ..	2,749	4.0	470	0.7	4,587	6.7	26,365	38.7	34,171	50.1	4,816	7.1		
November ..	3,084	4.2	326	0.4	5,933	8.1	27,732	37.8	37,075	50.5	2,863	3.9		
December ..	2,603	4.1	679	1.1	4,954	7.8	24,205	38.4	32,441	51.4	3,571	5.6		
January(h)	2,446	3.8	483	0.8	5,241	8.3	23,944	37.7	32,114	50.6	3,811	6.0		
February(h)	1,905	3.2	412	0.7	5,076	8.6	23,858	40.4	31,251	52.9	2,971	5.0		
March(h) ..	2,597	3.2	520	0.6	8,028	10.0	29,917	37.2	41,062	51.0	3,364	4.2		
April ..	2,452	3.6	424	0.6	5,838	8.6	25,566	37.6	34,280	50.4	3,255	4.8		
May ..	2,456	3.4	934	1.3	6,085	8.5	26,112	36.5	35,587	49.7	4,258	6.0		
June ..	1,866	2.9	441	0.7	5,817	9.2	24,407	38.5	32,531	51.3	3,104	4.9		
1956-57—														
July ..	1,997	3.5	521	0.9	4,799	8.4	22,717	39.6	30,034	52.4	1,955	3.4		
August ..	2,683	3.4	631	0.8	7,486	9.5	29,679	37.7	40,479	51.4	2,826	3.6		
September ..	2,298	4.3	652	1.2	3,915	7.3	20,316	37.9	27,181	50.7	2,602	4.8		
October ..	2,166	3.8	648	1.1	4,443	7.8	22,202	38.9	29,459	51.6	2,704	4.7		
November ..	2,352	4.0	591	1.0	4,827	8.1	23,840	39.9	31,610	53.0	3,208	5.4		
December ..	2,021	3.9	490	1.0	2,970	5.7	22,046	42.4	27,527	53.0	1,789	3.4		
January ..	2,440	3.9	432	0.7	3,022	4.8	27,719	44.2	33,613	53.6	2,274	3.6		
February ..	1,407	2.8	406	0.8	3,067	6.0	22,742	44.6	27,622	54.2	2,017	4.0		
March ..	1,818	3.1	611	1.0	3,853	6.6	23,920	40.8	30,202	51.5	1,970	3.4		
April ..	1,999	3.3	570	0.9	3,947	6.5	25,282	41.5	31,798	52.2	2,525	4.1		
May ..	1,770	2.6	652	0.9	4,891	7.1	31,399	45.4	38,712	56.0	2,468	3.6		
June ..	1,799	3.2	538	1.0	4,377	7.8	24,815	44.4	31,529	56.4	1,783	3.2		
1957-58 p—														
July ..	2,135	3.0	690	1.0	4,687	6.7	30,324	42.9	37,836	53.6	2,371	3.4		
August ..	1,846	2.7	728	1.1	4,801	7.1	28,144	41.5	35,519	52.4	2,471	3.6		
September ..	1,151	2.0	516	0.9	3,655	6.4	23,872	42.0	29,194	51.3	1,324	2.3		
October ..	2,077	2.9	529	0.7	5,130	7.1	30,297	42.2	38,033	52.9	2,423	3.4		

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts.

(c) Excludes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are now recorded in classes VI E-J and III, respectively. Prior to issue No. 227 these goods were recorded in classes VI E-J and III, only for those periods subsequent to June, 1956.

(d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in class Ic (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in class VB. (g) Prior to July, 1955 excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in class IC (5). (h) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, —— see page 1,

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : ECONOMIC CLASSES—continued.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.						Finished Consumer Goods.					
	Producers' Equipment.	Transport Equipment.					Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other.	Total.		
		Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.		Railway Equipment Vessels and Civil Aircraft.						(a)	(a)	
	Class IV.	Class V. B.	Class V. A, c, d.	Class VI. A, b, c.	Class VI. D.	Class VI. E-j.				Class VI.	%	
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3
1937-38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0
1938-39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4
1950-51 ..	6,679	10.8	9,245	15.0	1,137	1.8	2,873	4.7	745	1.2	6,993	11.3
1951-52 ..	9,960	11.4	10,942	12.5	1,661	1.9	3,074	3.5	1,149	1.3	9,896	11.3
1952-53 ..	8,409	19.8	3,569	8.3	1,703	4.0	1,917	4.5	130	0.3	2,704	6.4
1953-54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9
1954-55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5
1955-56 ..	11,174	16.4	(b) 1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0
1956-57 ..	r10,133	17.0	958	1.6	r1,616	2.7	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	r7,422	12.4
Monthly Total—												
1955-56—		(b)										
October ..	10,298	15.1	1,623	2.4	1,388	2.0	2,713	4.0	596	0.9	9,569	14.0
November ..	12,913	17.6	2,230	3.1	1,459	2.0	2,885	3.9	474	0.7	10,286	14.0
December ..	10,932	17.3	1,695	2.7	1,151	1.8	2,418	3.8	386	0.6	7,697	12.2
January(c) ..	10,566	16.7	2,126	3.4	1,337	2.1	2,116	3.3	522	0.8	8,304	13.1
February(c) ..	10,076	17.1	1,581	2.7	1,479	2.5	1,575	2.7	535	0.9	6,795	11.4
March(c) ..	13,354	16.6	2,064	2.6	3,096	3.8	3,126	3.9	766	1.0	9,632	11.9
April ..	11,971	17.6	1,449	2.2	2,268	3.3	2,846	4.2	475	0.7	8,203	12.1
May ..	12,253	17.1	1,515	2.1	1,625	2.3	1,849	2.6	357	0.5	9,036	12.6
June ..	10,711	16.9	1,750	2.8	2,641	4.2	1,961	3.1	285	0.4	8,041	12.7
1956-57—											r	r
July ..	9,735	17.0	1,119	1.9	2,282	4.0	2,233	3.9	212	0.4	7,041	12.3
August ..	13,676	17.3	1,578	2.0	1,547	2.0	2,807	3.6	502	0.6	10,662	13.5
September ..	8,542	15.9	1,121	2.1	2,473	4.6	2,139	4.0	264	0.5	6,721	12.5
October ..	8,822	15.5	845	1.5	1,841	3.2	2,054	3.6	370	0.7	7,593	13.3
November ..	9,975	16.7	970	1.7	1,270	2.1	2,102	3.5	267	0.4	7,740	13.0
December ..	8,220	15.8	771	1.5	1,783	3.4	2,039	3.9	192	0.4	7,016	13.4
January ..	10,290	16.4	823	1.3	1,297	2.1	3,468	5.5	302	0.5	7,675	12.4
February ..	8,762	17.2	862	1.7	982	1.9	2,313	4.5	241	0.5	5,531	10.5
March ..	10,952	18.7	793	1.3	1,793	3.1	2,876	4.9	306	0.5	7,021	12.0
April ..	10,678	17.6	736	1.2	1,739	2.9	2,813	4.6	297	0.5	7,217	12.0
May ..	12,363	17.9	1,054	1.5	1,078	1.5	1,944	2.8	252	0.4	7,933	11.5
June ..	9,573	17.1	826	1.5	1,306	2.3	1,870	3.3	168	0.3	6,910	12.4
1957-58 p—												
July ..	12,911	18.2	1,377	2.0	1,456	2.0	1,887	2.7	332	0.5	8,916	12.6
August ..	12,478	18.4	1,241	1.8	1,886	2.7	1,921	2.8	320	0.5	9,146	13.4
September ..	10,832	19.0	1,031	1.8	903	1.6	1,919	3.4	440	0.8	8,605	15.0
October ..	11,482	16.0	1,045	1.5	1,575	2.0	3,397	4.7	366	0.5	9,570	13.3

(a) Includes a percentage for piece goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 18. (b) Prior to July, 1955 includes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955 have been recorded in Class 1c.
(c) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE : DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.) (a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.) (b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Crude.	Simply trans- formed.	Elabor- ately trans- formed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937-38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938-39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1950-51 ..	7,007	3,178	15,869	273	1,600	8,738	7,280	10,954	43,547	61,781
1951-52 ..	7,788	4,788	25,729	359	1,446	12,314	8,147	13,933	65,399	87,479
1952-53 ..	4,712	2,195	9,171	251	1,182	3,318	4,963	9,443	28,123	42,529
1953-54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954-55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955-56 ..	10,095	4,557	19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956-57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—										
						(c)				
October ..	8,226	5,623	20,322	341	1,638	10,899	8,567	13,324	46,248	68,139
November ..	10,787	4,675	21,613	571	1,473	11,601	11,358	10,384	51,629	73,371
December ..	10,549	4,241	17,651	233	1,450	8,818	10,782	10,481	41,932	63,195
January(d) ..	9,441	4,241	18,432	615	759	9,568	10,056	9,975	43,402	63,433
February(d) ..	10,492	4,259	16,500	221	930	7,754	10,713	9,268	39,149	59,130
March(d) ..	13,331	4,719	23,012	676	1,744	11,103	14,007	11,392	55,133	80,532
April ..	10,066	5,007	19,207	547	1,705	9,273	10,613	11,279	46,072	67,964
May ..	10,215	4,671	20,701	382	1,048	9,813	10,597	11,383	49,587	71,567
June ..	9,322	4,594	18,615	384	1,083	8,810	9,706	9,993	43,672	63,371
1956-57—										
July ..	9,236	4,385	16,413	385	1,459	r	7,642	9,621	8,847	38,829
August ..	10,031	6,516	23,932	404	1,905	11,662	10,435	12,791	55,548	78,774
September ..	8,996	4,177	14,008	548	1,250	7,326	9,544	9,052	35,093	53,689
October ..	10,095	4,279	15,085	426	1,038	8,553	10,521	9,046	37,522	57,089
November ..	11,398	3,832	16,380	354	1,240	8,515	11,752	9,401	38,535	59,688
December ..	10,858	3,657	13,012	613	1,071	7,563	11,471	7,409	33,183	52,063
January ..	12,274	5,120	16,219	572	2,314	8,559	12,846	10,798	38,951	62,595
February ..	10,511	4,162	12,949	405	1,544	6,136	10,916	8,599	31,550	51,065
March ..	10,671	4,467	15,064	687	1,755	7,761	11,358	9,233	38,023	58,614
April ..	10,220	5,443	16,135	572	1,760	7,995	10,792	10,835	39,183	60,810
May ..	13,494	6,022	19,196	538	1,102	8,489	14,032	10,846	44,244	69,122
June ..	10,016	4,826	16,687	465	965	7,518	10,481	8,618	36,777	55,876
1957-58 p—										
July ..	12,119	6,433	19,284	464	1,021	9,650	12,583	11,120	46,894	70,597
August ..	10,164	6,107	19,248	473	1,023	9,891	10,637	10,861	46,411	67,909
September ..	8,794	5,151	15,249	440	1,229	9,295	9,234	8,759	38,838	56,913
October ..	12,730	6,351	18,952	796	1,923	10,614	13,526	12,009	46,346	71,881

Note.—Class II. consists entirely of goods " simply transformed ", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods " more elaborately transformed ". Class III. is about equally divided between goods " simply " and " more elaborately " transformed.

(a) See note (c) page 18. (b) See note (a) page 19. (c) See note (g) page 18. (d) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, r, ——, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANTISE : PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Merchandise.	
Monthly Average—											
1936-37..	..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38..	..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39..	..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1950-51..	..	2,533	1,539	8,921	477	389	1,240	2,272	52,779	1,796	81,591
1951-52..	..	2,957	383	7,359	572	472	586	1,428	26,953	2,156	55,437
1952-53..	..	5,481	1,675	7,449	791	669	1,805	1,677	33,576	2,116	70,708
1953-54..	..	4,816	1,338	5,053	774	617	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004	67,655
1954-55..	..	5,290	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56..	..	5,039	2,414	5,513	761	650	2,070	1,747	28,127	2,162	64,236
1956-57r	..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,688	81,116
Monthly Total—											
1955-56—											
October	..	6,478	3,399	4,582	143	211	2,267	1,668	30,488	1,799	65,616
November	..	8,328	3,689	5,519	195	125	3,695	1,943	37,941	2,666	77,947
December	..	7,777	4,232	3,823	55	534	1,608	2,132	37,007	2,034	72,422
January(b)	..	5,085	3,224	4,906	19	131	1,471	1,556	23,395	1,379	55,449
February(b)	..	995	106	2,754	50	14	1,033	456	8,231	283	19,985
March(b)	..	3,601	3,203	8,387	713	79	1,955	2,211	40,136	2,147	77,537
April	4,594	2,416	5,848	1,987	972	2,886	1,713	34,622	2,651	678,031
May	4,501	2,345	7,041	3,510	1,258	2,510	2,008	40,134	2,858	689,937
June	4,045	2,406	8,596	1,450	1,036	856	1,375	29,902	1,659	672,862
1956-57—											
July	3,612	1,623	7,325	r311	553	715	1,399	27,688	1,809	r60,913
August	..	4,174	2,196	7,623	241	533	2,356	1,946	16,192	3,333	57,284
September	..	4,618	1,821	8,135	106	588	3,135	1,829	21,379	2,078	60,093
October	..	4,448	3,708	8,752	334	444	3,778	2,220	r45,463	4,201	95,306
November	..	4,345	2,967	8,517	156	114	4,641	2,130	48,199	2,899	93,554
December	..	3,823	2,691	6,143	42	102	2,532	1,893	r41,691	2,316	75,976
January	..	4,232	4,979	8,500	35	8	2,129	1,787	r42,679	r2,429	87,556
February	..	4,264	r2,201	5,407	138	44	4,417	2,073	r48,107	r3,576	89,320
March	..	3,565	r1,116	7,647	727	17	1,719	1,824	r58,491	2,041	97,389
April	2,870	765	4,840	2,402	506	1,891	2,350	r50,183	2,018	87,227
May	4,944	1,306	4,109	3,380	r2,329	826	r2,266	r43,588	r3,788	90,676
June	r6,107	r451	4,729	703	r1,348	r 1,744	r2,551	40,068	r1,768	78,103
1957-58 p—											
July	r6,163	412	3,372	381	1,191	r1,888	2,131	r32,681	r1,430	70,591
August	..	r4,761	795	4,969	r197	r1,159	r5,109	r2,824	r17,540	r2,360	59,133
September	..	r5,614	r1,344	4,768	40	1,118	7,184	r2,382	r30,571	2,226	76,802
October	..	5,119	2,610	5,726	192	449	6,327	2,748	49,201	2,046	94,776

(a) Includes soups.

(b) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. The index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity. (Average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.)

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933-34 to 1935-36.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.	
	Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.										
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate } (f) Base Aggregate } (g)	45.63 49.05	17.06 18.34	11.36 12.21	6.83 7.34	6.63 7.13	2.40 2.58	1.81 1.94	0.64 0.69	0.66 0.72	6.98 ..	.. 100.00	100.00
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82
1950-51	..	999	432	271	689	209	410	226	356	752	176	690
1951-52	..	564	436	291	811	263	464	302	451	486	184	495
1952-53	..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505
1953-54	..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	483
1954-55	..	538	357	313	511	34	445	267	349	218	178	474
1955-56	..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	431
1956-57	..	578	327	250	545	p368	501	319	357	240	178	p464
1955-56—												p444
October	..	437	329	337	543	408	454	282	351	238	178	406
November	..	437	323	364	549	383	454	284	366	227	178	407
December	..	453	315	368	575	364	454	283	365	232	178	414
January	..	460	313	361	590	348	439	285	356	239	178	398
February	..	460	311	328	592	331	438	288	364	240	178	416
March	..	453	312	304	592	322	442	292	364	247	178	411
April	..	468	310	273	579	317	443	293	354	248	178	404
May	..	498	316	265	556	324	432	302	344	241	178	406
June	..	(h)505	317	299	548	335	439	317	347	252	178	428
1956-57—												411
July	..	490	323	272	549	343	446	320	355	250	178	420
August	..	520	326	261	558	347	443	322	352	244	178	434
September	..	566	326	284	562	353	439	323	360	243	178	460
October	..	551	330	260	559	361	436	323	354	245	178	451
November	..	581	328	252	569	357	439	316	352	247	178	465
December	..	588	329	242	566	p360	435	315	361	237	178	p467
January	..	596	332	227	570		438	311	359	226	178	p472
February	..	611	335	222	557	p388	473	h309	360	234	178	p458
March	..	596	327	218	555	p372	568	309	359	248	178	p471
April	..	618	321	224	548	p382	620	h321	357	234	178	p451
May	..	626	319	256	495	p398	631	327	359	238	178	p483
June	..	596	322	284	451	p373	642	329	362	239	178	p467
1957-58—												p452
July	..	h p596	331	278	445	p351	577	325	347	240	178	p470
August	..	p551	p342	274	448	p345	p622	p326	pr357	239	178	p450
September	..	p543	p344	274	441	p333	p571	p330	pr364	242	178	p431
October	..	p498	p350	257	423	p337	p541	p334	p362	236	178	p426
												p403

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative.
 (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Where Australian gold has been sold on the oversea premium markets such price has been used in the index. (f) For all Groups (including Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (g) For all Groups (excluding Gold)—applicable from 1936-37. (h) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Reference to the group indexes in the table on page 22 hereof shows the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export (and comprises 46 per cent. of the Base Aggregate of the index) fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effects which movements in prices of the other components have on the All Groups index. For purposes of comparison they are shown separately below.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	1950-51.			1951-52.			1952-53.			1953-54.		
	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
July ..	a592	333	451	a717	400	544	a566	381	465	a641	369	493
August ..	864	340	579	551	400	468	a566	380	465	a634	367	488
September ..	890	355	599	498	400	445	551	379	457	626	365	484
October ..	890	360	602	686	403	532	588	370	469	634	363	486
November ..	965	366	639	603	398	492	588	368	469	634	360	485
December ..	973	366	643	581	403	484	618	376	486	611	358	473
January ..	1,252	368	771	566	402	477	618	376	486	603	354	468
February ..	1,339	369	811	520	402	456	626	371	487	581	350	455
March ..	1,437	377	860	460	400	427	656	369	500	581	351	456
April ..	1,094	384	708	475	397	432	671	363	503	a596	348	461
May ..	973	385	653	543	385	457	701	361	516	618	346	470
June ..	717	383	535	566	376	463	641	363	490	622	346	472
Average of Year	999	365	654	564	397	473	616	371	483	615	356	474

Period	1954-55.			1955-56.			1956-57.			1957-58.		
	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
July ..	a622	338	468	a505	347	419	490	330	403	a p596	p327	p450
August ..	566	338	442	453	347	395	520	330	417	p551	p331	p431
September ..	566	339	442	437	347	388	566	336	441	p543	p328	p426
October ..	536	344	431	437	351	390	551	332	432	p498	p323	p403
November ..	513	343	421	437	352	391	581	331	445			
December ..	532	348	432	453	352	398	588	p329	p447			
January ..	520	345	425	460	349	400	596	p330	p451			
February ..	528	342	427	460	340	395	611	p330	p458			
March ..	528	341	426	453	335	388	596	p329	p451			
April ..	520	340	422	468	325	390	618	p331	p462			
May ..	520	340	422	498	323	403	626	p333	p467			
June ..	505	343	417	a505	331	411	596	p332	p452			
Average of Year	538	342	431	464	342	397	578	p331	p444			

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the trends of export prices, but take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling during each month. The impact of the price movements on current sales is indicated more directly by the index numbers below. In computing these the “quantity multipliers” are the quantities actually exported in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.	Month of October.		Four months ended October.	
	1956.	1957.	1956.	1957.
Excluding Wool ..	100	98	100	99
Including Wool ..	100	93	100	97

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group : Average of three years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported. (b)	Goods principally Home Produced. (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98	99
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100	100
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	229	256	240	244
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	276	288	300	297
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331	319
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339	319
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340	322
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352	334
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357	344
1955-56—											
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	324	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	320	291	346	330
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	319	291	346	329
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	320	288	348	330
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	346	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	328	299	354	338
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	328	303	355	339
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	333	304	361	344
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	328	299	358	341
1956-57—											
July ..	410	232	461	344	314	444	358	330	301	360	343
August ..	409	240	481	344	315	445	362	329	303	361	344
September ..	411	241	513	344	312	467	368	329	309	363	347
October ..	410	241	503	344	306	467	367	325	310	359	344
November ..	413	241	522	344	306	467	369	319	314	354	342
December ..	412	241	528	344	307	467	369	321	315	355	343
January ..	412	240	533	344	307	467	369	321	316	354	343
February ..	409	244	544	344	298	467	370	324	318	356	345
March ..	407	244	532	344	296	467	368	324	315	356	344
April ..	407	244	547	344	289	467	369	324	313	358	344
May ..	403	244	548	344	289	467	367	317	311	352	340
June ..	402	240	527	345	288	467	365	328	307	360	345
1957-58—											
July ..	399	240	p524	r353	283	467	pr364	p333	p305	pr365	p347
August ..	401	240	p495	r353	283	467	pr363	p339	p306	p368	p350
September ..	401	240	p490	r353	285	457	pr361	p334	p303	pr365	p346
October ..	p398	240	p454	353	295	457	p358	p322	p304	p353	p338

(a) Special purpose index for the "Metals and Coal" group excluding coal and briquettes was 409 for October, 1957.

(b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(c) Note.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For October, 1957, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were : "Foodstuffs and Tobacco," 317; "Goods Principally Home Produced," 349; "Total All Groups," 336.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the respective countries. For the United Kingdom and France the current indexes are not available on a pre-war base.
(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United Kingdom		France.	India.
							(c)	(d)		
1936-37 ..	99	96	97	101	104	98				
1937-38 ..	101	102	103	104	101	103				
1938-39 ..	100	102	100	95	95	99				
1951-52 ..	297	243	252	229	213	285	175	128	145	414
1952-53 ..	319	252	269	216	209	278	152	126	141	386
1953-54 ..	319	248	270	214	209	268	143	125	137	397
1954-55 ..	322	249	274	211	208	272	147	127	135	365
1955-56 ..	334	253	283	217	212	290	155	133	139	373
1956-57 ..	344	262	285	222	220	296	158	138	143	424
1956-57—										
Jan. ..	343	256	287	224	221	300	161	138	145	422
Feb. ..	345	257	287	223	221	298	160	138	144	425
Mar. ..	344	258	284	223	221	298	159	138	144	421
Apr. ..	344	261	284	223	222	298	160	139	144	422
May ..	340	264	285	223	221	298	160	139	146	431
June ..	345	266	286	223	222	298	156	139	146	439
1957-58—										
July ..	p347	266	287	223	224	300	155	140	148	444
August ..	p350	266	289	222	224	296	154	140	150	442
Sept. ..	p346		292		223	296	151	141		
Oct. ..	p338				223	149	141			436

(a) See note (c), page 24. (b) Current series linked to former series as at January, 1947 (for U.S.A.) and 1955-56 (for Sweden).
(c) Basic materials (excluding fuel) used in non-food manufacturing industry. (d) All manufactured products other than fuel, food and tobacco. (e) Year ended August, 1939.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(Base : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100 (a).)

Period.	Australia. (b)	New Zealand.	South Africa.	Canada.	United States of America.	United Kingdom.
1936-37 ..	.. ..	97.3	96	97	98	100
1937-38 ..	.. ..	99.8	101	101	101	Base : 17th June, 1947 = 100c
1938-39 ..	.. ..	102.9	103	102	100	
1951-52 ..	.. ..	233.7	176	182	186	131
1952-53 ..	.. ..	255.0	185	194	184	139
1953-54 ..	.. ..	262.2	195	199	184	140
1954-55 ..	.. ..	264.4	201	204	185	146
	A	B				
1955-56 ..	.. ..	274.2	277.4	206	186	190
1956-57 ..	.. ..	286.2	290.9	213	191	196
1956-57—						
January ..	.. ..				
February ..	.. ..	287.2	287.6	211	191	196
March ..	.. ..				192	160
April ..	.. ..				192	160
May ..	.. ..	289.3	290.1	214	192	197
June ..	.. ..				192	160
1957-58—						
July ..	.. ..				198	161
August ..	.. ..	290.7	290.3	216	199	162
September ..	.. ..				200	164
					200	163
					201	163

(a) For bases of series for the United Kingdom, see notes (c) and (d). (b) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions. (c) New series on base 17th June, 1947 = 100; cannot be linked to former series. (d) New series linked to former series.

For meaning of symbol p see page 1.

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX AND WAGE-RATE INDEXES.

In the tables on this and the following page the index numbers have been converted arithmetically to the base average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 in order to facilitate comparisons with other data. The absolute index numbers differ, in consequence, from those appearing in other publications of the Bureau.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	"C" Series Retail Price Index : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.						Weekly Wage-rate Indexes : Six States.				
	Food and Groceries. (a)	Rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses.	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	All Groups. (a)	Nominal Rates, Adult Males.	"Real" Wage, Adult Males. (a)(b)				
1936-37	963	968	976	996	973	949	976				
1937-38	989	1,001	1,006	1,003	998	1,007	1,000				
1938-39	1,048	1,031	1,018	1,001	1,029	1,044	1,015				
1949-50	1,664	1,063	2,626	1,443	1,669	1,913	1,146				
1950-51	1,998	1,076	3,044	1,597	1,906	2,298	1,206				
1951-52	2,694	1,104	3,623	1,898	2,337	2,806	1,201				
1952-53	2,950	1,194	3,893	2,124	2,550	3,104	1,217				
1953-54	3,073	1,255	3,938	2,148	2,622	3,207	1,223				
1954-55	3,098	1,309	3,940	2,145	2,644	3,249	1,229				
	A | B				A | B	A | B					
1955-56	3,265 | 3,354	1,377	3,968	2,230	2,742 | 2,774	3,364 | 1,227	1,213				
1956-57	3,395 | 3,528	1,458	4,043	2,423	2,862 | 2,909	3,525 | 1,232	1,212				
1952-53—											
March	Quarter	2,943	1,212	3,912	2,134	2,558	3,110	1,216			
June	"	2,981	1,227	3,967	2,138	2,586	3,150	1,218			
1953-54—											
September	Quarter	3,073	1,235	3,946	2,141	2,618	3,195	1,220			
December	"	3,092	1,243	3,933	2,147	2,624	3,206	1,222			
March	"	3,070	1,255	3,946	2,157	2,624	3,213	1,224			
June	"	3,055	1,286	3,927	2,148	2,621	3,214	1,226			
1954-55—											
September	Quarter	3,037	1,301	3,924	2,145	2,618	3,213	1,227			
December	"	3,063	1,306	3,939	2,147	2,631	3,233	1,229			
March	"	3,124	1,310	3,934	2,132	2,649	3,269	1,234			
June	"	3,169	1,320	3,961	2,157	2,678	3,283	1,226			
1955-56—											
September	Quarter	A | B			A | B	A | B					
December	"	3,215 | 3,265	1,330	3,965	2,169	2,700 | 2,719	3,299 | 1,222	1,213			
March	"	3,239 | 3,308	1,337	3,971	2,218	2,721 | 2,746	3,345 | 1,229	1,218			
June	"	3,262 | 3,348	1,415	3,965	2,227	2,748 | 2,780	3,371 | 1,227	1,213			
		3,343 | 3,495	1,425	3,971	2,305	2,797 | 2,851	3,439 | 1,230	1,206			
1956-57—											
September	Quarter	3,394	3,712	1,436	3,985	2,369	2,832	2,946	3,485	1,230	1,183
December	"	3,380	3,559	1,446	4,024	2,418	2,849	2,913	3,527	1,238	1,211
March	"	3,401	3,412	1,465	4,062	2,435	2,872	2,876	3,521	1,226	1,224
June	"	3,406	3,429	1,483	4,100	2,468	2,893	2,901	3,566	1,233	1,229
1957-58—											
September	Quarter	3,417	3,403	1,500	4,114	2,488	2,907	2,903	3,577	1,232	1,230

(a) Indexes in Columns "A" exclude, and those in Columns "B" include, the price movement of potatoes and onions.
weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number.

(b) Index of nominal

WAGE RATES AND AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS.

(Adult Males.)

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals or Six States.
1956 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,588	3,465	3,336	3,291	3,493	3,551	3,485
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b) ..	253/-	245/-	228/-	241/-	246/-	252/-	246/-
State " " " ..	(c) 263/-	(c) 263/-	(d) 237/-	(b) 241/-	(d) 261/6	(e) 272/-	..
1956 : December Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,675	3,466	3,387	3,291	3,534	3,551	3,527
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b) ..	253/-	245/-	228/-	241/-	246/-	252/-	246/-
State " " " ..	(c) 274/-	(e) 263/-	(f) 241/-	(b) 241/-	(f) 265/2	(e) 272/-	..
1957 : March Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,647	3,471	3,388	3,291	3,554	3,551	3,521
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (b) ..	253/-	245/-	228/-	241/-	246/-	252/-	246/-
State " " " ..	(c) 270/-	(e) 263/-	(f) 241/-	(b) 241/-	(g) 266/3	(e) 272/-	..
1957 : June Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	3,675	3,530	3,396	3,417	3,581	3,645	3,566
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h) ..	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State " " " ..	(c) 268/-	(e) 263/-	(i) 239/-	(j) 251/-	(k) 268/10	(e) 272/-	..
1957 : September Quarter—							
Nominal weekly wage rate (a) ..	r3,691	r3,532	3,416	r3,418	r3,626	3,645	r3,578
Average Weekly Hours (a) ..	890	889	890	890	879	890	889
Federal metrop. basic wage (h) ..	263/-	255/-	238/-	251/-	256/-	262/-	256/-
State " " " ..	(c) 270/-	(e) 263/-	(l) 241/-	(j) 251/-	(m) 272/9	(e) 272/-	..

(a) Index numbers: Base—Weighted Average, Six States Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000. (b) Automatic adjustments discontinued. The rates shown came into operation from beginning of first pay-period commencing June, 1956. (c) Automatic adjustments operative. Rates payable as from the beginning of the first pay-period commencing in the second month of the quarter shown. (d) Payable as from 23rd July, 1956. (e) Automatic adjustment discontinued. Rates shown came into operation from the beginning of the first pay-period in August, 1956. (f) Payable as from 29th October, 1956. (g) Payable as from 25th January, 1957. (h) Payable from the beginning of the first pay-period after 15th May, 1957. (i) Payable as from 29th April, 1957. (j) Payable as from 20th May, 1957. (k) Payable as from 26th April, 1957. (l) Payable as from 29th July, 1957. (m) Payable as from 19th July, 1957.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

The list of items covered by the Interim Index is representative of a high proportion of expenditure of wage earner households. It is more comprehensive than that of the "C" Series Index and some of the principal food weights and group weights differ substantially from those used in the "C" Series Index. The weighting pattern and the list of component items in the "C" Series Index relate to the pre-war pattern of wage earner expenditure and consumption, whilst those of the Interim Index relate to the consumption pattern of 1950-53.

(Base of each Group : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.					
	Food.(a)		Clothing and Drapery.	Rent.	Other Items.	All Groups.(a)
Year ended June—	A	B				
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	102.8	103.7	101.6	105.0	100.9	102.2
1955	104.8	104.6	102.4	109.6	101.4	103.7
1956	108.1	110.6	103.3	115.5	106.4	107.0
1957	112.4	115.8	105.8	122.5	117.8	113.0
Quarter ended—						
1955—December ..	107.0	109.0	103.4	112.0	106.2	106.3
1956—March ..	108.2	110.6	103.3	118.8	106.7	107.4
June ..	110.7	114.5	103.4	119.7	110.1	109.4
September ..	111.9	119.6	103.8	120.6	115.6	111.5
December ..	111.6	116.2	105.3	121.5	117.8	112.5
1957—March ..	112.6	113.2	106.3	123.1	118.5	113.5
June ..	113.3	114.2	107.9	124.6	119.3	114.5
September ..	113.7	113.8	108.4	126.1	119.9	115.1

(a) The index in Column "A" excludes, and that in Column "B" includes, potatoes and onions.

FARM PRODUCTION PRICE INDEXES.

The annual index numbers shown in the following table relate to average "prices" of farm products realized in the principal markets of Australia. The "price" data used are average unit values for the total quantities of the relevant commodities produced or marketed in each year and the index numbers therefore measure both the effects of changes in prices (as such) and of variations in the quality, type, usage, etc., of products marketed. The index numbers for any year relate to the average values of farm products produced or marketed in that year, irrespective of the periods in which payment is received by producers.

The index numbers shown below are the Revised Series (December, 1952) in which average quantities of each product marketed in the period 1946-47 to 1950-51 have been used as fixed weights.

The preliminary index numbers for 1956-57 are based mainly on the recorded or estimated movement in average values for the major farm products. They will be reviewed from time to time as further "price" data become available.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Year.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Wool (Shorn and Dead).	Products Other than Wool.
1936-37	114	115	93	109	126	104
1937-38	98	98	102	99	95	100
1938-39	88	87	105	92	79	96
1948-49	234	313	197	260	366	225
1949-50	272	396	228	316	483	261
1950-51	291	818	258	505	1,098	308
1951-52	355	501	332	410	552	363
1952-53	364	531	387	440	623	379
1953-54	324	534	395	429	621	365
1954-55	316	489	371	401	540	355
1955-56	330	451	392	397	468	373
1956-57	p333	p532	p389	p431	p607	p372

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales : Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland : Ordinary Shares.(b)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distribut- ing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	4 Insurance Companies.	75 Companies (including 34 Mis- cel- laneous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (c)	12 Industrials.	12 Financial and Trading.	24 Total of foregoing.
1936-37 ..	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 ..	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 ..	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1952-53 ..	1,733	1,376	1,337	2,059	1,398	1,335	1,494	1,186	1,353
1953-54 ..	1,784	1,534	1,385	2,217	1,475	1,443	1,658	1,302	1,495
1954-55 ..	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56 ..	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57 ..	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1955-56—									
October ..	2,082	2,160	1,808	2,157	1,753	1,681	1,694	1,468	1,590
November ..	2,044	2,147	1,768	2,133	1,727	1,648	1,699	1,473	1,596
December ..	2,039	2,189	1,780	2,147	1,734	1,655	1,701	1,477	1,598
January ..	2,059	2,235	1,782	2,169	1,746	1,669	1,736	1,489	1,622
February ..	2,043	2,230	1,780	2,159	1,735	1,659	1,746	1,469	1,619
March ..	2,006	2,169	1,729	2,079	1,700	1,609	1,740	1,480	1,620
April ..	1,995	2,153	1,679	2,089	1,688	1,599	1,740	1,473	1,618
May ..	1,972	2,061	1,639	2,098	1,663	1,583	1,709	1,457	1,594
June ..	1,918	2,010	1,613	2,112	1,632	1,551	1,668	1,428	1,559
1956-57—									
July ..	1,909	1,973	1,668	2,140	1,626	1,556	1,689	1,431	1,570
August ..	1,944	2,002	1,718	2,268	1,657	1,608	1,699	1,426	1,574
September ..	1,997	2,004	1,740	2,400	1,689	1,639	1,704	1,447	1,586
October ..	2,034	2,006	1,797	2,468	1,702	1,652	1,700	1,474	1,597
November ..	2,000	1,963	1,772	2,537	1,682	1,626	1,699	1,461	1,590
December ..	2,008	1,929	1,732	2,506	1,674	1,620	1,682	1,456	1,579
January ..	2,067	1,949	1,829	2,594	1,719	1,678	1,667	1,467	1,575
February ..	2,078	1,974	1,850	2,625	1,743	1,693	1,725	1,473	1,609
March ..	2,084	1,931	1,825	2,571	1,735	1,671	1,745	1,481	1,624
April ..	2,088	1,937	1,922	2,567	1,746	1,696	1,748	1,487	1,628
May ..	2,080	1,926	1,917	2,564	1,752	1,697	1,761	1,503	1,642
June ..	2,080	1,924	1,914	2,627	1,763	1,701	1,747	1,493	1,630
1957-58—									
July ..	2,151	1,922	1,995	2,747	1,815	1,757	1,755	1,509	1,642
August ..	2,192	1,965	2,100	2,870	1,869	1,811	1,832	1,530	1,693
September ..	2,219	1,979	2,013	2,864	1,883	1,824	1,863	1,532	1,711
October ..	2,132	1,935	1,897	2,774	1,810	1,750	1,826	1,534	1,692

(a) Compiled by the New South Wales Government Statistician; converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Compiled by the Queensland Bureau of Industry. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of 21 representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of three companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. Recomputed from original base, April, 1928. (c) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Group : Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Export Prices.				Wholesale Prices.				Retail Prices.	
	Wool.	All Groups.			Basic Materials.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.			Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities.	
		Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home-produced. (b)	All Groups. (b)	"C" Series Index. (c)	Interim Index. (d)
1936-37 ..	122	108	116	115	99	99	98	99	97.3	Base : 1952-53 = 100
1937-38 ..	99	105	102	102	102	102	101	101	99.8	
1938-39 ..	79	87	82	83	99	99	100	100	102.9	(Arithmetically converted for comparison.)
1949-50 ..	473	308	399	383	214	223	196	204	166.9	
1950-51 ..	999	365	690	654	264	256	240	244	190.6	74.8
1951-52 ..	564	397	495	473	321	288	300	297	233.7	91.7
1952-53 ..	616	371	505	483	350	292	331	319	255.0	100.0
1953-54 ..	615	356	496	474	332	271	339	319	262.2	102.8
1954-55 ..	538	342	450	431	330	277	340	322	264.4	103.7
1955-56 ..	464	342	414	397	345	292	352	334	(e)	(e)
1956-57 ..	578	p331	p464	p444	367	311	357	344	(e)	(e)
1955-56—										
October ..	437	351	406	390	340	289	350	332		
November ..	437	352	407	391	342	291	346	330	(e)	(e)
December ..	453	352	414	398	342	291	346	329		
January ..	460	349	416	400	343	288	348	330		
February ..	460	340	411	395	343	288	346	329	(e)	(e)
March ..	453	335	404	388	350	299	354	338		
April ..	468	325	406	390	353	303	355	339		
May ..	498	323	420	403	357	304	361	344	(e)	(e)
June ..	(f)505	331	428	411	357	299	358	341		
1956-57—										
July ..	490	330	420	403	358	301	360	343		
August ..	520	330	434	417	362	303	361	344	(e)	(e)
September ..	566	336	460	441	368	309	363	347		
October ..	551	332	451	432	367	310	359	344		
November ..	581	331	465	445	369	314	354	342	(e)	(e)
December ..	588	p329	p467	p447	369	315	355	343		
January ..	596	p330	p472	p451	369	316	354	343		
February ..	611	p330	p479	p458	370	318	356	345	(e)	(e)
March ..	596	p329	p471	p451	368	315	356	344		
April ..	618	p331	p483	p462	369	313	358	344		
May ..	626	p333	p488	p467	367	311	352	340	(e)	(e)
June ..	596	p332	p473	p452	365	307	360	345		
1957-58—										
July ..	(f) p596	p327	p470	p450	pr364	p305	pr365	p347		
August ..	p551	p331	p450	p431	pr363	p306	p368	pr350	(e)	(e)
September ..	p543	p328	p445	p426	pr361	p303	pr365	p346		
October ..	p498	p323	p420	p403	p358	p304	p353	p338		

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index and does not measure changes in price of all imports.

(b) See note (c) page 24. (c) Covers Food and Groceries, House Rent, Clothing and Miscellaneous Items. (d) See note at head of page 28.

(e) For indexes for these periods see pages 26 and 28 and Statistical Bulletin No. 546. (f) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

BUILDING PERMITS : SIX CAPITAL CITIES AND SUBURBS.

(As granted by local government authorities. Excluding government buildings except as indicated in note (a), page 33.)

Period.	New Dwellings.		Other New Buildings.		Total New Buildings.		Alterations and Additions.	Total.
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.		
Monthly Average—		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37(a) ..	1,122	1,104	154	474	1,276	1,578	408	1,986
1937-38(a) ..	1,394	1,413	147	472	1,541	1,885	422	2,307
1938-39(a) ..	1,463	1,509	137	424	1,600	1,933	420	2,353
1949-50(b) ..	3,045	5,770	113	460	3,158	6,230	899	7,129
1950-51 ..	3,558	7,857	151	1,062	3,709	8,919	1,507	10,426
1951-52 ..	2,736	6,703	165	1,270	2,901	7,973	1,727	9,700
1952-53 ..	2,506	6,472	303	1,744	2,809	8,216	1,829	10,045
1953-54 ..	2,663	7,747	328	2,538	2,991	10,285	2,071	12,356
1954-55(c) ..	3,673	11,244	378	4,083	4,051	15,327	2,593	17,920
1955-56 ..	3,361	11,040	337	5,005	3,698	16,045	2,847	18,892
1956-57 ..	3,119	10,508	328	4,279	3,447	14,787	2,653	17,440
Monthly Total—								
1955-56—								
October ..	3,825	12,120	355	3,604	4,180	15,724	2,473	18,197
November ..	3,758	12,112	324	5,098	4,082	17,210	2,498	19,708
December ..	2,678	8,526	294	5,352	2,972	13,878	2,352	16,230
January ..	2,647	9,010	239	3,353	2,886	12,363	2,290	14,653
February ..	3,169	10,380	330	5,428	3,499	15,808	2,928	18,736
March ..	3,311	11,007	353	6,061	3,664	17,068	3,259	20,327
April ..	2,815	10,429	294	4,334	3,109	14,763	2,992	17,755
May ..	3,366	11,744	377	7,011	3,743	18,755	3,531	22,286
June ..	3,242	10,969	314	4,177	3,556	15,146	2,987	18,133
1956-57—								
July ..	3,089	10,262	374	5,536	3,463	15,798	3,075	18,873
August ..	3,186	10,959	329	3,989	3,515	14,948	3,099	18,047
September ..	2,826	9,481	292	3,839	3,118	13,320	2,416	15,736
October ..	3,258	11,013	377	4,894	3,635	15,907	3,444	19,351
November ..	3,477	11,138	319	4,372	3,796	15,510	2,754	18,264
December ..	2,260	7,273	271	3,000	2,531	10,273	1,820	12,093
January ..	2,725	9,178	264	4,067	2,989	13,245	2,155	15,400
February ..	3,068	10,477	293	3,540	3,361	14,017	2,416	16,433
March ..	3,203	10,973	356	4,320	3,559	15,293	2,789	18,082
April ..	3,210	10,545	282	3,320	3,492	13,865	2,398	16,263
May ..	3,801	13,353	394	4,703	4,195	18,056	3,284	21,340
June ..	3,327	11,439	381	5,769	3,708	17,208	2,184	19,392
1957-58—								
July ..	3,712	12,890	394	3,891	4,106	16,781	3,216	19,997
August ..	3,961	13,347	404	4,246	4,365	17,593	3,737	21,330
September ..	3,522	12,593	325	4,303	3,847	16,896	2,893	19,789
October ..	3,528	12,405	373	3,340	3,901	15,745	3,033	18,778

(a) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (b) From July, 1947, includes additional areas in the metropolitan area of Melbourne. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (c) From July, 1954, includes additional areas in the metropolitan areas of Sydney, Melbourne and Hobart. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day-labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Australia.			New South Wales.			Victoria.		
	Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment. (b)	Private.		Govern- ment.	Private.	
		Common- wealth and State.	Six Capital Cities and Suburbs.		Other recorded areas.	See Note A.		Common- wealth and State.	Other recorded areas. See Note B.
Monthly Average—									
1936-37	..	n.a.	(c)1,986	(d)627	n.a.	848	416	n.a.	667
1937-38	..	n.a.	(c)2,307	(d)764	n.a.	1,093	506	n.a.	669
1938-39	..	408	(c)2,353	(d)755	187	1,111	495	107	702
1951-52	..	3,631	(e)9,700	(f)7,877	1,603	2,679	(g)3,717	960	(e)2,831
1952-53	..	2,772	10,045	7,671	923	2,799	3,542	1,129	2,906
1953-54	..	(i)4,619	12,356	9,693	1,912	3,553	4,622	1,653	3,890
1954-55	..	5,936	j17,920	(j)8,379	2,461	(k)6,340	(k)3,550	1,779	(k)5,598
1955-56	..	5,845	18,892	9,034	2,399	6,742	3,364	1,559	6,163
1956-57	..	5,175	17,440	8,874	2,467	6,365	3,323	1,432	5,648
1955-56—									
December	Qtr.	6,415	18,045	8,921	2,681	5,899	3,292	2,164	5,899
March	"	4,398	17,905	7,895	1,156	6,778	3,121	1,500	5,692
June..	"	5,885	19,392	9,239	2,991	7,016	3,394	1,427	6,565
1956-57—									
September	"	5,705	17,552	8,487	2,923	6,112	3,198	1,382	6,147
December	"	4,713	16,569	8,724	2,264	5,769	2,908	918	5,138
March	"	6,062	16,638	7,924	2,770	6,299	2,981	2,098	5,455
June..	"	4,222	18,998	10,366	1,911	7,280	4,207	1,331	5,851
1957-58—									
September	"	5,378	20,374	10,442	2,762	7,214	4,165	1,150	6,992
Monthly Total—									
1956-57—									
December	..	3,914	12,093	n.a.	1,378	4,001	2,741	1,145	4,005
January	..	4,769	15,400	n.a.	1,263	6,290	2,139	2,075	4,849
February	..	4,946	16,433	n.a.	2,454	6,355	3,627	1,314	5,256
March	..	8,472	18,082	n.a.	4,594	6,253	3,078	2,905	6,260
April	..	4,216	16,263	n.a.	2,295	5,672	3,504	1,241	5,701
May..	..	3,795	21,340	n.a.	1,442	8,428	4,773	1,661	6,194
June..	..	4,657	19,392	n.a.	1,997	7,739	4,345	1,092	5,659
1957-58—									
July ..	..	5,160	19,997	n.a.	2,642	7,146	4,398	1,341	7,186
August	..	5,169	21,330	n.a.	r2,505	7,188	3,392	1,202	7,097
September	..	5,805	19,789	n.a.	3,139	7,307	4,705	907	6,692
October	..		18,778	n.a.		6,238			7,137

(a) See note (a) on page 33. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Excludes suburbs of Hobart. (d) Incomplete, excludes Western Australia. (e) From July, 1947, the metropolitan area of Melbourne includes some additional areas. For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication. (f) See A and B below and C and F, page 33. (g) See A below. (h) See B below. (i) See note (f), page 33. (j) See note (k) this page and note (g), page 33. (k) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

A. Includes 129 Country Towns and seven Shires near Sydney to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Sydney and suburbs.

B. Includes the Cities of Ballarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton and Warrnambool to June quarter, 1950, thereafter all areas outside Melbourne and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r——, see page 1.

BUILDING OPERATIONS : METROPOLITAN AND PROVINCIAL—continued.

(Figures for government buildings relate to contracts let or day labour work commenced. Figures for private buildings relate only to permits issued by local government authorities. Alterations and additions are included.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Queensland.			South Australia.			Western Australia.			Tasmania.			
	Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.(b)	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		Govern- ment.	Private.(a)		
		Common- wealth and State.	Brisbane Metrop. Area.		Common- wealth and State.	Adelaide Metrop. Area.		Common- wealth and State.	Perth Metrop. Area.		Common- wealth and State.	Hobart Metrop. Area.	
Monthly Average—													
1936-37	..	n.a.	153	98	n.a.	118	32	n.a.	168	n.a.	n.a.	32	19
1937-38	..	n.a.	167	114	n.a.	173	48	n.a.	174	n.a.	n.a.	31	18
1938-39	..	34	171	118	22	192	63	38	145	n.a.	20	32	16
1951-52	..	228	1,426	c1,107	377	1,386	265	379	1,120	347	84	(d) 258	(e) 494
1952-53	..	232	1,376	1,209	226	1,525	336	219	1,157	320	43	282	333
1953-54	..	(f) 303	1,299	1,404	320	1,485	392	314	1,749	548	117	380	430
1954-55	..	489	1,449	1,545	475	2,170	463	570	1,941	535	162	(g) 422	(g) 474
1955-56	..	545	1,679	1,669	959	2,403	812	277	1,494	413	106	411	536
1956-57	..	346	1,553	1,850	482	1,911	698	239	1,483	435	209	480	577
1955-56—													
Dec.	Qtr.	476	1,887	1,566	704	2,324	1,300	297	1,616	410	93	420	480
Mar.	"	559	1,364	1,370	772	2,397	493	359	1,233	416	52	441	553
June	"	680	1,937	1,972	487	2,362	960	158	1,169	386	142	343	608
1956-57—													
Sept.	"	405	1,528	1,544	417	1,878	886	197	1,323	467	381	564	544
Dec.	"	277	1,893	2,228	800	1,698	644	224	1,663	424	230	408	436
Mar.	"	358	1,200	1,467	479	1,819	614	282	1,437	426	75	428	603
June	"	344	1,591	2,161	233	2,248	648	254	1,508	424	149	520	727
1957-58—													
Sept.	"	577	1,480	2,218	381	2,396	905	339	1,842	567	169	450	491
Monthly Total—													
1956-57—													
December	..	400	988	3,018	319	1,567	n.a.	192	1,194	327	480	338	328
January	..	148	1,307	1,262	772	1,371	n.a.	423	1,287	362	88	296	481
February	..	449	1,221	1,782	472	1,708	n.a.	240	1,373	439	17	520	693
March	..	476	1,071	1,357	194	2,379	n.a.	183	1,650	478	120	469	635
April	..	216	1,355	2,461	137	1,664	n.a.	139	1,366	414	188	505	718
May	..	177	1,822	2,103	208	2,735	n.a.	117	1,670	467	190	491	830
June	..	638	1,598	1,920	354	2,346	n.a.	507	1,486	391	69	564	633
1957-58—													
July	..	188	1,400	2,485	394	2,074	n.a.	558	1,591	611	37	520	437
August	..	582	1,461	2,132	499	2,704	n.a.	177	2,418	690	204	462	520
September	..	960	1,498	2,037	251	2,409	n.a.	283	1,516	400	265	367	516
October	..	1,514				2,101			1,445	514	343	485	

(a) Includes buildings erected under government home building schemes where permits obtained from local government authorities.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) See C below. (d) Previously Hobart city area only. From September quarter, 1946, includes the whole metropolitan area of Hobart. (e) See F below. (f) From June quarter, 1954, includes the approvals of Hospital Boards not previously collected. (g) From July, 1954, the metropolitan area includes some additional areas previously included in "Other Recorded Areas". For details see November, 1956, issue of this publication.

NOTES.

C. Includes the Cities of Bundaberg, Cairns, Charters Towers, Gympie, Ipswich, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Townsville and Warwick, and the Towns of Bowen, Charleville, Dalby, Innisfail, Longreach, Redcliffe, Roma, Southport, and Stanthorpe to June quarter, 1947, thereafter all areas outside Brisbane and suburbs.

D. Includes local government areas, and estimate for unincorporated areas.

E. Includes 86 country local authorities, representing approximately 86 per cent. of provincial population.

F. Launceston only to June quarter, 1946, thereafter all areas outside Hobart and suburbs.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)
(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.	Other.	Total.	Houses.(a)	Other.	Total.(a)
Quarterly Average—									
1950-51	40,478	14,615	55,093	a 31,243	6,258	a 37,501	162,399	91,632 254,031
1951-52	44,951	16,224	61,175	43,187	10,876	54,063	187,239	125,534 312,773
1952-53	39,358	13,909	53,267	47,634	18,169	65,803	166,706	115,629 282,335
1953-54	48,471	24,220	72,691	48,580	20,962	69,542	174,515	133,478 307,993
1954-55(b)	..	52,367	33,197	85,564	54,294	24,037	78,331	175,426	171,309 346,735
1955-56	51,915	42,951	94,866	54,859	33,142	88,001	174,463	220,426 394,889
1956-57	51,031	39,843	90,874	50,623	39,551	90,174	177,464	230,515 407,979
Quarterly Total—									
1954-55—									
June Qtr.	53,751	36,470	90,221	57,804	26,469	84,273	175,426	171,309 346,735
1955-56—									
Sept.	56,433	44,004	100,437	54,634	29,865	84,499	179,476	189,730 369,206
Dec.	52,052	39,034	91,086	58,264	34,978	93,242	175,784	194,779 370,563
March	50,720	45,243	95,963	51,115	32,277	83,392	177,170	209,904 387,074
June	48,456	43,523	91,979	55,423	35,448	90,871	174,463	220,426 394,889
1956-57—									
Sept.	50,346	47,362	97,708	51,600	36,795	88,395	172,891	233,897 406,788
Dec.	49,867	36,077	85,944	52,809	36,681	89,490	171,905	234,454 406,359
March	50,769	37,828	88,597	46,483	41,843	88,326	176,748	232,249 408,997
June	53,142	38,107	91,249	51,599	42,885	94,484	177,464	230,515 407,979

(a) Partly estimated.

(b) From September quarter, 1954, includes Northern Territory.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Northern Territory.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1950-51	(a)12,367	13,035	4,322	3,010	2,237	2,101	429	n.a. (a)37,501
1951-52	19,052	17,231	6,335	4,531	3,606	2,628	680	n.a. 54,063
1952-53	24,512	19,148	6,558	6,471	5,730	2,666	718	n.a. 65,803
1953-54	25,386	21,312	6,478	6,527	6,446	2,423	970	n.a. 69,542
1954-55	27,674	24,471	7,079	6,770	8,524	2,665	735	413 78,331
1955-56	31,035	27,733	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	1,072	484 88,001
1956-57	33,274	28,491	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	1,485	571 90,174
Quarterly Total—									
1955-56—									
Sept. Qtr.	30,397	24,476	7,413	7,528	9,546	3,469	1,220	450 84,499
Dec.	33,254	29,725	8,598	8,219	9,050	2,861	964	571 93,242
Mar.	27,387	28,933	6,503	7,941	7,574	3,535	1,102	417 83,392
June	33,100	27,798	8,005	10,029	7,508	2,933	1,001	497 90,871
1956-57—									
Sept.	31,805	28,954	8,553	7,901	6,485	2,930	1,073	694 88,395
Dec.	30,197	29,111	8,406	8,958	5,954	3,030	3,091	743 89,490
Mar.	35,794	25,730	8,655	8,588	5,107	2,214	889	349 88,326
June	35,298	30,168	9,769	8,550	5,878	3,435	887	499 94,484
1957-58—									
Sept.	33,204		9,012	6,297	3,192	1,838	698	

(a) Partly estimated.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.

(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Northern Territory.	Total.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1951-52 ..	6,091	5,877	2,999	2,128	1,932	896	78	n.a.	20,001
1952-53 ..	5,258	4,064	2,345	1,992	1,753	571	132	n.a.	16,115
1953-54 ..	7,099	5,229	2,128	1,698	1,902	666	89	n.a.	18,811
1954-55 ..	6,375	5,668	1,946	1,797	2,144	718	160	62	18,870
1955-56 ..	6,109	5,311	1,793	2,095	1,584	623	125	85	17,725
1956-57 ..	6,089	4,912	1,893	1,708	1,391	648	127	63	16,831
Quarterly Total—									
1955-56—Sept. Qtr.	6,849	5,529	1,950	2,348	1,919	586	222	88	19,491
Dec. "	6,281	5,230	1,790	2,121	1,715	648	115	70	17,970
Mar. "	5,671	5,584	1,692	2,001	1,417	592	111	71	17,139
June "	5,636	4,902	1,741	1,907	1,285	664	51	112	16,298
1956-57—Sept. "	5,904	4,843	2,214	1,742	1,173	510	100	103	16,589
Dec. "	5,811	4,812	2,129	1,813	1,252	610	99	82	16,608
Mar. "	6,000	4,923	1,717	1,537	1,601	730	157	28	16,693
June "	6,641	5,071	1,512	1,740	1,539	741	153	38	17,435
1957-58—Sept. "	5,153			1,932	1,621	616	297	73	
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1951-52 ..	5,837	6,022	2,951	1,928	1,644	1,000	146	n.a.	19,528
1952-53 ..	6,222	5,310	2,650	2,235	1,991	829	147	n.a.	19,384
1953-54 ..	6,628	5,398	2,240	1,881	1,907	658	138	n.a.	18,850
1954-55 ..	7,221	5,960	1,981	1,831	2,198	620	99	50	19,960
1955-56 ..	6,593	5,663	1,849	1,930	1,940	680	151	78	18,884
1956-57 ..	5,567	5,046	1,804	1,798	1,258	690	140	82	16,385
Quarterly Total—									
1955-56—Sept. Qtr.	7,000	5,679	1,981	1,903	1,951	579	132	76	19,301
Dec. "	6,506	6,341	1,923	2,000	2,339	715	156	80	20,060
Mar. "	5,991	5,298	1,668	1,837	1,684	704	149	76	17,407
June "	6,872	5,334	1,824	1,981	1,786	723	168	80	18,768
1956-57—Sept. "	5,334	5,470	1,715	1,846	1,281	778	175	99	16,698
Dec. "	5,557	5,346	1,945	2,009	1,296	780	225	86	17,244
Mar. "	5,573	4,480	1,711	1,629	1,021	529	76	53	15,072
June "	5,803	4,889	1,846	1,709	1,432	672	85	90	16,526
1957-58—Sept. "	4,813			1,923	1,626	655	18	85	
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.(a)									
1951-52 ..	32,806	26,726	5,135	7,395	6,917	3,143	708	n.a.	82,830
1952-53 ..	28,946	21,675	3,918	6,464	5,951	2,114	646	n.a.	69,714
1953-54 ..	30,828	20,995	3,470	5,750	5,932	2,149	449	n.a.	69,573
1954-55 ..	27,448	19,827	3,329	5,602	5,715	2,536	691	211	65,359
1955-56 ..	25,516	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240	60,687
1956-57 ..	27,605	17,863	3,461	5,854	4,819	2,137	533	163	62,435
1955-56—Sept. Qtr. ..	27,297	19,677	3,298	6,047	5,676	2,543	781	223	65,542
Dec. "	27,072	18,566	3,165	6,165	5,052	2,476	740	213	63,449
Mar. "	26,752	18,844	3,189	6,329	4,785	2,364	702	208	63,173
June "	25,516	18,399	3,106	6,252	4,284	2,305	585	240	60,687
1956-57—Sept. "	26,086	17,772	3,605	6,145	4,176	2,037	510	244	60,575
Dec. "	26,340	17,238	3,789	5,944	4,132	1,867	384	240	59,934
Mar. "	26,767	17,681	3,795	5,823	4,712	2,068	465	215	61,526
June "	27,605	17,863	3,461	5,854	4,819	2,137	533	163	62,435
1957-58—Sept. "	18,203			5,863	4,814	2,098	712	151	

(a) Partly estimated for New South Wales and total.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Elec- tricity Gen- er- ated.	Pig Iron.	Ingot Steel.	Zinc, Refined. (b)	Lead, Refined and Lead in Lead Bullion. (b)	Copper, Refined. (b)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—										(c)	(c)	
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1950-51 ..	1,127	241	1,368	608	74.3	3,075	875	109.4	120.3	6,478	15,682	936
1951-52 ..	1,243	355	1,598	675	75.7	3,366	941	119.2	126.8	7,011	15,680	1,485
1952-53 ..	1,251	294	1,545	673	86.5	3,439	1,004	141.0	150.1	7,181	16,030	1,595
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,263	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,372	19,613	2,533
1955-56 p ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,659	18,399	2,039
1956-57 p ..	1,466	172	1,638	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	237.8	8,877	20,031	2,442
Monthly Total—												
1955-56 p—												
October ..	1,490	191	1,681	889	88.4	3,692	1,369	147.7	194.2	9,023	20,057	
November ..	1,541	196	1,737	869	93.5	3,493	1,358	162.1	192.2	8,872	17,310	
December ..	1,225	121	1,346	785	97.5	3,339	1,300	166.1	192.7	9,037	15,061	
January ..	747	96	843	813	81.6	3,201	1,263	169.4	193.8	8,685	20,991	
February ..	1,298	149	1,447	787	77.3	3,085	1,299	163.4	189.1	8,025	17,342	
March ..	1,308	171	1,479	839	78.3	3,350	1,389	172.3	193.6	8,527	17,616	
April ..	1,359	188	1,547	838	77.5	3,506	1,356	167.5	184.0	8,373	17,158	
May ..	1,566	208	1,774	928	87.8	4,061	1,545	180.5	214.6	8,844	17,732	
June ..	1,496	195	1,691	907	93.5	4,341	1,565	171.8	217.0	7,927	17,886	
1956-57 p—												
July ..	1,642	210	1,852	968	93.7	4,654	1,655	179.4	230.3	9,728	24,402	
August ..	1,717	213	1,930	983	84.1	4,526	1,652	152.1	206.6	8,906	21,041	
September ..	1,521	182	1,703	930	90.7	4,078	1,500	178.4	228.6	8,785	20,831	
October ..	1,721	188	1,909	951	86.5	3,960	1,538	158.0	226.5	9,052	21,363	
November ..	1,648	196	1,844	892	96.1	3,679	1,486	187.7	247.7	8,776	20,547	
December ..	1,133	142	1,275	723	83.0	3,421	1,394	193.4	247.0	9,365	19,838	
January ..	976	r111	r1,087	830	84.4	3,279	1,410	189.9	260.4	9,077	18,732	1,366
February ..	r1,476	r149	r1,625	835	80.7	3,158	1,388	170.9	237.5	8,152	17,118	3,555
March ..	r1,453	r159	r1,612	892	88.6	3,584	1,543	174.4	254.5	9,030	18,024	3,498
April ..	1,358	158	1,516	887	90.6	3,629	1,502	168.1	246.9	8,962	17,188	3,288
May ..	1,529	197	1,726	966	87.2	4,313	1,693	173.3	250.5	9,229	21,253	2,734
June ..	1,421	158	1,579	916	96.4	4,257	1,616	181.7	246.8	7,461	20,034	2,676
1957-58 p—												
July ..	1,712	202	1,914	986	105.2	4,965	1,817	198.8	264.2	10,919	19,938	2,666
August ..	1,650	190	1,840	973	86.4	4,708	1,765	196.3	271.7	9,532	21,839	1,864
September ..	1,636	189	1,825	916	87.3			182.2	261.5	9,196	20,313	2,521
October ..				926				188.0	263.9	9,669		2,774

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia. (b) Source : Bureau of Mineral Resources and Australian Mines and Metals Association. (c) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p., r. see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.	
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)		
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.									
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257	
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458	
1950-51 ..	57.4	3,918	4,230	1,771	105.1	102.9	1,265	6,251	4,613	3,733	16,994	
1951-52 ..	60.0	4,072	5,540	1,944	116.0	103.1	1,373	5,975	4,251	4,240	16,066	
1952-53 ..	55.6	4,831	3,338	2,022	111.6	119.9	1,285	3,994	2,978	1,883	15,179	
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098	22,874	
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381	
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617	
1956-57 p..	67.1	4,837	3,879	2,035	119.2	186.3	1,295	3,731	4,324	4,291	16,077	
Monthly Total—								(e)				
1955-56 p—												
September ..	76.1	5,751	5,014	2,254	139.6	173.0	1,556	4,496	6,283	4,070	26,195	
October ..	75.3	6,148	4,795	2,622	127.4	175.3	1,522	3,877	5,542	3,848	33,207	
November ..	77.9	6,101	4,971	2,476	134.9	190.9	1,610	3,978	5,370	4,302	34,814	
December ..	60.0	4,545	3,936	2,014	135.9	155.4	1,166	2,878	3,452	3,121	27,670	
January ..	52.3	3,801	3,339	1,340	91.9	135.4	1,034	2,479	3,017	2,842	19,604	
February ..	66.8	5,445	4,390	2,236	111.7	152.4	1,473	3,790	3,962	4,183	18,611	
March ..	66.8	5,113	4,486	2,176	105.3	171.4	1,392	3,294	3,307	3,576	17,196	
April ..	65.1	5,039	4,130	2,299	96.6	168.6	1,348	3,272	3,111	3,165	11,515	
May ..	71.5	5,921	4,441	2,485	126.8	181.8	1,520	4,195	2,896	4,173	12,938	
June ..	65.2	5,196	3,953	2,364	125.1	175.5	1,364	4,182	2,938	3,771	13,044	
1956-57 p—												
July ..	70.2	5,184	3,973	1,990	116.9	179.6	1,386	4,126	5,443	4,494	14,478	
August ..	72.4	5,431	4,110	2,042	125.4	197.5	1,415	4,418	6,113	4,922	15,929	
September ..	66.3	5,102	3,889	2,155	125.3	176.8	1,298	3,626	5,112	4,383	19,292	
October ..	74.6	5,521	4,337	2,113	139.5	203.6	1,409	4,670	5,661	5,399	26,480	
November ..	70.9	4,959	3,719	2,015	141.5	191.6	1,391	3,625	4,776	5,476	23,744	
December ..	51.7	3,847	2,714	1,869	115.8	167.1	1,018	2,916	3,270	4,146	18,926	
January ..	50.2	3,356	2,880	1,293	92.3	151.8	1,015	2,824	2,670	2,587	16,143	
February ..	65.7	4,626	3,904	1,995	113.2	171.2	1,309	2,834	3,631	3,612	13,106	
March ..	69.8	4,712	3,970	2,362	112.4	199.9	1,327	3,746	3,802	4,348	12,957	
April ..	67.9	4,817	4,069	1,914	107.3	197.7	1,249	3,707	3,431	3,964	10,567	
May ..	77.7	5,551	4,928	2,388	122.2	203.7	1,436	4,709	4,384	4,671	11,409	
June ..	68.2	4,940	4,059	2,284	119.1	195.2	1,288	3,573	3,593	3,484	9,888	
1957-58 p—												
July ..	77.6	5,511	4,513	2,181	114.4	r207.1	r1,440	4,080	4,330	5,753	11,428	
August ..	75.1	5,118	r4,467	2,274	118.7	200.4	r1,411	4,475	4,881	4,227	12,692	
September	74.9	5,209	4,068	2,091		186.1	1,429	4,178	5,467	4,320	16,347	

(a) Includes sawn sleepers.

(b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955, represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.			Wool Textiles.			Boots and Shoes (not Rubber).
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).	Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.	'000 sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	
Monthly Average—							
1936-37	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937-38	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938-39	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1950-51	2,938	2,537	905	12.7	3.87	3.16	1,409
1951-52	2,872	2,617	905	10.1	3.04	2.42	1,400
1952-53	2,302	2,052	1,289	10.3	2.97	2.39	1,374
1953-54	3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,548
1954-55	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,492
1955-56	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,501
1956-57 p	3,555	3,856	1,878	13.7	4.02	2.73	1,607
Monthly Total—							
1955-56 p—							
September ..	3,575	3,136	1,156	10.0	3.75	2.33	1,618
October ..	3,441	3,071	1,161	11.7	3.58	2.23	1,531
November ..	3,847	3,127	1,348	13.0	4.00	2.50	1,621
December ..	2,521	2,214	1,031	11.1	2.83	1.69	1,164
January ..	2,414	2,494	1,105	9.1	2.39	1.63	957
February ..	3,644	3,282	1,476	12.1	3.97	2.57	1,502
March ..	3,301	3,222	1,351	12.6	4.04	2.41	1,577
April ..	3,189	3,321	1,526	11.6	3.54	2.12	1,456
May ..	3,730	3,945	1,500	14.2	4.47	2.63	1,740
June ..	3,423	3,579	1,516	14.7	4.08	2.32	1,560
1956-57 p—							
July ..	3,653	3,899	1,627	13.4	3.81	2.54	1,677
August ..	3,982	4,144	1,536	13.3	4.29	2.81	1,831
September ..	3,521	3,831	1,575	11.9	4.01	2.71	1,668
October ..	4,029	4,276	1,714	13.2	4.55	3.20	1,878
November ..	3,561	3,938	1,765	13.8	4.19	2.92	1,712
December ..	2,554	2,852	1,252	12.3	3.00	2.06	1,208
January ..	2,939	3,128	1,761	11.9	2.97	2.20	1,088
February ..	3,571	4,014	2,017	14.7	4.33	2.92	1,547
March ..	3,598	3,852	2,443	14.6	4.32	2.96	1,659
April ..	3,458	3,875	2,053	13.9	4.07	2.73	1,601
May ..	4,134	4,476	2,297	16.0	4.71	3.11	1,849
June ..	3,659	3,982	2,496	15.3	3.98	2.66	1,563
1957-58 p—							
July ..	4,321	4,435	2,430	15.5	4.35	2.99	1,756
August ..	3,836	3,929	2,169	13.2	4.07	2.82	1,710
September ..	3,734	3,761	2,165	12.5	4.05	2.93	1,712

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.				Underwear.(a)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.
	Men's. (b)	Women's. Full Fash. and Circular. (c)	Children's.	Anklets (All Types) and Infants' and Babies' Wear.	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.	
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.
Monthly Average—							
1936-37 ..	83.1	157.1	(d)49.1	(e)	191.8		(f)60.6
1937-38 ..	86.7	183.7	(d)52.0	(e)	227.6		(f)69.9
1938-39 ..	91.9	178.0	(d)51.0	(e)	229.2		(f)56.2
1950-51 ..	128.0	123.1	(d)78.6	(e)	107.7	201.9	89.5
1951-52 ..	121.8	128.7		65.3	105.6	196.6	96.5
1952-53 ..	131.2	156.4		73.6	93.6	173.7	73.4
1953-54 ..	157.9	179.1	(g)	101.2	120.8	224.4	103.3
1954-55 ..	138.7	201.8		93.9	119.6	235.4	117.5
1955-56 ..	130.0	192.0		88.6	130.3	234.4	109.1
1956-57 p ..	120.6	236.1	66.6	(h) 9.2	138.1	242.4	117.9
Monthly Total—							
1955-56 p—							
September ..	128.9	205.7		96.8	136.0	241.7	142.8
October ..	132.2	195.3		96.4	140.5	257.3	133.5
November ..	152.3	213.9		103.9	158.5	289.4	143.9
December ..	104.0	159.5		73.1	102.8	200.7	106.1
January ..	87.2	112.4	(g)	59.9	77.6	147.7	44.9
February ..	137.8	191.7		91.6	141.3	246.8	85.5
March ..	129.9	199.9		92.7	138.6	234.1	84.3
April ..	121.3	179.5		80.5	120.9	214.1	81.9
May ..	150.5	216.0		94.2	146.6	254.0	108.5
June ..	135.1	228.0		85.1	113.4	226.8	105.6
1956-57 p—				(h)			
July ..	120.0	246.0	75.5	11.7	143.1	257.4	127.7
August ..	138.8	256.4	74.9	11.2	143.3	265.1	146.8
September ..	132.9	242.4	71.7	10.5	143.0	240.9	139.1
October ..	150.4	274.8	76.0	12.0	171.2	297.5	165.6
November ..	134.4	259.4	70.3	10.8	156.2	280.0	146.3
December ..	91.2	188.6	55.0	7.7	116.9	221.2	102.2
January ..	78.6	174.3	45.8	5.5	101.2	172.5	59.2
February ..	116.6	242.8	70.7	8.3	145.9	261.2	100.5
March ..	123.2	248.0	70.3	7.5	141.8	247.1	96.1
April ..	116.7	222.6	61.3	8.1	121.4	211.2	99.3
May ..	130.6	251.9	69.1	8.8	148.4	243.1	122.3
June ..	114.2	226.0	59.0	8.8	125.1	211.6	109.9
1957-58 p—							
July ..	127.2	247.6	65.0	10.1	151.1	252.2	155.0
August ..	131.1	225.9	63.9	7.9	165.2	242.7	153.5
September ..	127.8	203.9	63.6	7.9	161.6	240.8	157.8

(a) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric.

(b) Includes Boys' prior to July, 1956.

(c) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings and all anklets subsequent to June, 1956. (d) Includes Infants' and Babies'. (e) Included with Children's (f) Excludes knitted. (g) Included with Men's and Women's. (h) Infants' (sizes 0 to 3) only.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef (in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Total Pigmeats (as Pork).	Total. (b)	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(c)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1950-51	141.3	37.6	99.8	13,303	3,692	7,069	54.3	13.5	9.4	7.1	84.3	14,397
1951-52	143.4	41.1	87.3	10,931	3,382	6,360	48.5	14.6	8.9	7.1	79.1	15,398
1952-53	143.9	36.7	101.3	13,632	3,883	6,951	56.2	20.8	12.2	6.9	96.1	16,446
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,314	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	p127.8	p41.0	117.1	17,149	3,223	6,217	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	p19,420
1956-57p	138.1	39.9	113.5	15,807	3,734	6,785	67.0	18.1	11.6	7.4	104.1	18,793
Monthly Total—												
1955-56—	p											p
Sept. ..	114.4	42.6	125.2	18,197	4,376	7,496	71.2	19.5	13.7	7.7	112.1	20,164
Oct. ..	129.7	44.6	158.1	24,311	5,360	9,178	67.6	22.0	22.8	7.5	119.9	21,947
Nov. ..	138.8	44.1	166.8	26,166	5,254	9,836	67.2	23.2	21.8	9.2	121.4	23,259
Dec. ..	135.6	40.1	160.3	25,276	4,579	8,921	60.7	23.8	17.5	10.8	112.8	23,958
Jan. ..	119.9	42.2	151.2	23,919	3,697	8,043	50.2	22.1	10.3	6.7	89.3	20,498
Feb. ..	108.6	40.2	128.0	20,036	2,521	5,994	52.4	20.6	9.2	7.1	89.3	21,120
Mar. ..	128.1	41.4	109.4	15,887	2,321	5,382	53.6	18.7	9.3	7.7	89.3	20,943
Apr. ..	131.3	p37.6	90.0	12,329	1,860	4,070	53.0	17.5	8.2	7.4	86.1	16,966
May ..	147.6	p43.3	77.6	9,845	1,666	3,717	65.0	16.9	8.2	7.9	98.0	15,605
June ..	135.3	p36.2	68.9	8,069	1,715	3,306	72.3	16.6	8.2	7.2	104.3	14,257
1956-57p—												
July ..	137.9	38.4	77.1	9,229	2,352	3,967	69.8	16.1	8.1	6.9	100.9	15,417
Aug ..	145.8	39.1	102.6	13,758	3,561	5,926	70.0	16.3	9.4	6.9	102.6	17,004
Sept. ..	147.9	41.3	123.7	17,277	4,973	8,014	65.7	16.1	11.8	6.3	99.9	17,495
Oct. ..	144.1	44.4	162.6	24,187	6,514	10,711	64.7	17.9	14.8	7.8	105.2	22,129
Nov. ..	146.3	42.8	163.0	24,412	6,372	10,639	66.6	18.9	15.6	8.8	109.9	22,160
Dec. ..	141.7	40.5	159.3	24,071	5,747	9,799	58.1	17.9	16.2	10.3	102.5	23,555
Jan. ..	140.0	35.7	146.9	22,152	4,530	8,782	54.5	19.4	11.8	6.1	91.8	21,089
Feb. ..	135.0	37.5	113.7	16,324	3,053	6,727	58.5	19.4	9.9	6.6	94.4	18,215
Mar. ..	138.9	42.5	103.8	14,151	2,698	6,085	68.1	19.4	10.2	7.1	104.8	18,313
Apr. ..	116.1	36.3	82.4	10,516	1,886	4,235	63.2	18.0	9.3	7.3	97.8	17,595
May ..	136.5	41.6	68.3	7,718	1,589	3,462	83.5	20.1	11.6	7.7	122.9	17,693
June ..	127.5	39.1	58.9	5,892	1,529	3,073	81.4	18.4	10.0	7.2	117.0	14,849
1957-58p—												
July ..	138.5	40.8	68.9	7,569	2,022	3,721	81.5	17.4	8.9	7.6	115.4	16,644
August	139.5	41.7	89.9	11,257	2,924	5,753	73.2	16.5	8.8	7.5	106.0	15,635
Sept. ..	123.4	43.9	121.0	16,851	4,260	8,606	63.6	19.1	11.6	7.3	101.6	19,637

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Whole milk equivalent.

(b) In terms of fresh meat.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes. (a)	Chemicals and Allied Products.				Motor Bodies.			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.	
		Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.		
				Ready- Mixed Paint and Enamels.	Lacquers, Nitro- Cellulose.					
		'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.	'000 gals.	No.	No.	No.	'000.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37	..	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.
1937-38	..	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.
1938-39	..	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.
1950-51	..	2,652	53.3	129.0	623	96	3,036	387	1,853	187
1951-52	..	2,795	54.2	133.1	633	99	3,486	390	1,865	213
1952-53	..	3,029	52.3	131.7	534	84	4,133		1,745	141
1953-54	..	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514		2,088	241
1954-55	..	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002		2,245	293
1955-56	..	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,840		2,030	303
1956-57 p	..	4,079	73.0	163.4	902	121	6,463		1,808	284
Monthly Total—										
1955-56 p—										
September	..	3,795	78.7	181.9	977	131	7,351		2,391	336
October	..	3,748	75.7	168.1	983	135	6,790		2,156	309
November	..	4,090	80.1	198.3	1,039	142	7,563		2,499	332
December	..	3,752	80.4	179.1	868	109	5,778		1,885	245
January	..	3,474	76.1	189.2	695	93	4,355		1,288	204
February	..	3,851	80.6	211.5	829	129	6,826		2,202	296
March	..	3,978	78.1	187.8	922	131	7,047		2,020	282
April	..	3,810	76.7	176.4	873	123	5,943		1,780	280
May	..	3,844	72.4	178.0	1,032	137	7,152		2,023	339
June	..	3,649	66.7	159.6	800	117	5,448		1,694	301
1956-57 p—										
July	..	3,848	58.3	114.4	811	117	5,585		1,881	325
August	..	3,988	65.7	150.9	879	122	6,860		1,685	325
September	..	3,843	66.9	119.3	885	113	5,756		1,632	284
October	..	4,408	69.1	161.6	1,044	127	6,854		2,073	304
November	..	4,305	63.3	128.8	1,051	123	7,214		2,061	311
December	..	3,811	60.5	127.1	899	97	5,344		871	211
January	..	4,071	69.8	167.8	747	101	5,053		967	205
February	..	4,147	82.1	200.8	944	127	6,693		2,271	292
March	..	4,074	88.8	199.5	973	146	7,971		2,124	274
April	..	3,953	85.8	191.9	900	127	6,248		1,855	281
May	..	4,612	87.5	223.8	971	143	7,486		2,312	335
June	..	3,892	78.9	189.1	721	112	6,492		1,959	258
1957-58 p—										
July	..	3,914	80.7	178.2	831	128	8,425		2,280	335
August	..	3,770	88.0	196.0	931	131	8,230		2,170	277
September	..	4,039	72.7	155.0	1,059	134	8,001		2,371	330

(a) Details for 1954-55 and earlier periods refer to Australian factory production; 1955-56 and later figures to quantity on which excise duty was paid.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES : VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas, but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source : *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (b)	Denmark (b)	France. (b)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norwav. (b)	Sweden. (b)	United King- dom. (c)	U.S.A. (b) (d)
1950 ..	93	85	98	87	79	55	87	87	97	94	84
1951 ..	106	91	100	98	90	74	91	94	101	97	90
1952 ..	100	94	96	99	91	82	91	95	99	94	93
1953 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954 ..	106	98	109	110	109	108	110	109	104	107	93
1955 ..	116	107	112	120	118	117	118	117	111	113	104
1956 ..	122	114	111	133	128	142	124	122	114	112	107
1955—											
September ..	120	113	120	119	125	121	123	121	116	116	106
October ..	119	114	118	123	126	120	125	124	117	121	110
November ..	124	114	119	131	121	122	126	127	122	121	108
December ..	128	106	110	127	122	128	124	117	116	114	106
1956—											
January ..	122	104	110	133	120	118	117	126	114	115	107
February ..	113	107	113	129	115	124	111	143	113	117	107
March ..	124	112	109	132	130	130	128	118	119	116	107
April ..	127	112	102	140	123	137	119	120	119	113	107
May ..	129	114	113	146	133	137	129	112	120	112	105
June ..	125	120	114	139	131	139	130	128	118	117	105
July ..	108	115	75	132	135	142	120	80	61	105	96
August ..	117	116	115	92	110	142	121	122	110	93	106
September ..	124	120	121	134	133	145	123	132	121	116	109
October ..	127	121	124	141	141	146	136	133	125	118	113
November ..	129	120	125	147	133	150	134	135	125	120	110
December ..	123	113	116	145	128	155	117	121	123	110	107
1957—											
January ..	123	110	118	140	133	141	128	127	119	113	108
February ..	129	113	122	144	127	151	119	144	123	118	110
March ..	128	114	122	145	138	158	127	134	123	119	110
April ..	131	115	119	146	136	161	125	117	126	111	107
May ..	131	117	119	151	142	166	136	126	126	121	107
June ..	122	119	117	150	135	166	125	131	125	117	108
July ..	92	114	77	139	146	169	129	88	62	107	101
August ..			116	98		162	123	125	115	98	107

(a) Adjusted for seasonal variations and for number of working days.
(c) Partially adjusted for number of working days. Includes construction.

(b) Adjusted for number of working days.
(d) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars. (a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	Monthly Averages.		
1947-48(b) ..	592	412	100	3,562	(c)2,397	1,192
1948-49(b) ..	655	450	117	5,539	(c)3,056	1,852
1949-50(b) ..	768	499	134	9,584	(c)4,829	2,232
1950-51(b) ..	882	548	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951-52(b) ..	1,031	581	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952-53(b) ..	1,108	579	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953-54 ..	1,200	607	140	10,466	4,783	905
1954-55 ..	1,347	650	133	13,900	5,598	941
1955-56 ..	1,472	679	126	13,644	5,766	878
1956-57 ..	1,569	703	120	12,481	4,916	805
				Monthly Totals.		
1955-56—				(d)	(d)	(d)
October ..	1,392	657	130	15,010	6,564	910
November ..	1,409	663	130	14,897	5,994	1,007
December ..	1,420	666	129	14,413	5,850	1,004
January ..	1,428	660	128	9,887	4,563	866
February ..	1,440	670	128	12,343	5,325	881
March ..	1,452	674	128	14,202	5,631	978
April ..	1,456	674	127	10,999	5,037	749
May ..	1,464	677	126	12,213	6,182	887
June ..	1,472	679	126	11,738	5,280	633
1956-57—						
July ..	1,478	681	125	11,778	5,436	644
August ..	1,489	685	125	13,653	5,225	800
September ..	1,494	683	124	11,506	4,547	662
October ..	1,509	689	124	13,429	5,499	875
November ..	1,520	693	124	14,058	5,632	867
December ..	1,527	694	124	12,030	4,389	782
January ..	1,536	695	123	10,898	3,858	842
February ..	1,543	697	123	12,099	3,319	903
March ..	1,551	699	122	12,090	5,290	906
April ..	1,557	700	122	11,344	4,737	761
May ..	1,564	702	121	14,550	5,751	872
June ..	1,569	703	120	12,337	5,314	744
1957-58—						
July ..	1,578	710	119	12,994	5,280	690
August ..	1,583	712	119	r11,852	r5,369	r776
September p ..				13,350	5,650	810
October p ..				14,700	6,500	850

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes Northern Territory. (c) Includes taxis and hire cars in Victoria. (d) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Revenue.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles.(b)		Gross.	Net.
		'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1947-48	..	7,310	3,345	494.5	42,564	6,450 511
1948-49	..	7,690	3,428	517.7	42,225	7,165 85
1949-50	..	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683 205
1950-51	..	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804 594
1951-52	..	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626 721
1952-53	..	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903 560
1953-54	..	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155 140
1954-55	..	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498 124
1955-56	..	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765 659
1956-57	..	7,951	3,927	620.0	41,626	15,674 170
Monthly Total—						
1954-55—					(c)	(c)
June	8,083	3,827	597.2	42,791	14,134 2,073
1955-56—						
July	8,126	4,091	630.9	43,104	14,194 112
August	..	8,342	4,317	636.2	44,990	15,396 195
September	..	8,200	4,207	636.2	43,198	15,490 947
October	..	8,220	4,094	628.7	45,489	15,236 218
November	..	7,984	4,215	636.5	40,916	15,512 49
December	..	8,002	3,734	574.4	39,862	14,254 1,203
January	..	7,765	3,186	522.6	42,273	13,552 668
February	..	7,284	3,468	560.8	42,929	13,521 941
March	..	8,047	3,622	603.4	42,160	14,790 478
April	..	7,732	3,685	576.2	44,257	14,151 759
May	..	8,453	4,067	649.4	43,329	15,547 2,527
June	8,080	3,810	618.3	42,232	15,541 2,361
1956-57 p—						
July	..	8,147	4,184	638.1	44,061	15,227 328
August	..	8,531	4,369	658.8	39,928	16,806 577
September	..	8,061	4,061	627.2	41,695	16,094 1,283
October	..	8,537	4,476	670.5	44,995	17,497 967
November	..	8,131	4,219	641.2	40,735	16,712 244
December	..	7,732	3,419	560.6	40,711	14,552 1,224
January	..	7,902	3,534	586.5	39,933	15,027 58
February	..	7,264	3,750	591.6	41,026	14,585 454
March	..	7,886	3,789	624.0	41,497	15,347 84
April	..	7,503	3,676	594.7	42,343	15,220 27
May	..	8,153	4,057	667.2	41,604	16,569 385
June	..	7,570	3,588	579.3	40,988	14,454 2,027

(a) Excludes South Brisbane-Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway. (b) From 1948-49 figures are partly estimated.
(c) Calculated from monthly returns of revenue and expenditure and not strictly comparable with annual figures above as monthly details exclude certain items of revenue and expenditure which are only allocated on an annual basis.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—						
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)
Monthly Average—									
1947-48 ..	378	415	270	46	34	200	7	34	592
1948-49 ..	452	487	257	41	32	152	5	32	519
1949-50 ..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950-51 ..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951-52 ..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	641
1952-53 ..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953-54 ..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954-55 ..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955-56 ..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956-57 ..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
Monthly Total—									
1955-56—									
September ..	454	981	311	99	70	360	179	48	1,068
October ..	460	971	305	97	62	340	117	34	956
November ..	513	1,085	284	124	48	329	143	42	971
December ..	560	1,117	250	110	61	290	164	26	901
January(c) ..	464	942	192	89	29	371	174	35	890
February(c) ..	369	898	177	90	21	295	105	19	708
March ..	722	1,133	286	69	43	374	113	55	940
April ..	683	1,007	301	103	14	356	109	50	933
May ..	821	1,300	366	95	27	392	133	57	1,071
June ..	663	1,082	319	91	37	387	148	55	1,037
1956-57—									
July ..	686	968	314	62	60	342	99	34	911
August ..	715	1,081	376	91	50	369	120	42	1,049
September ..	786	965	326	72	55	410	137	40	1,040
October ..	769	1,127	313	113	68	408	106	29	1,038
November ..	794	1,110	331	107	86	431	116	37	1,110
December ..	712	963	266	132	79	375	107	30	989
January ..	796	1,119	257	82	65	418	124	30	976
February ..	751	953	246	135	60	357	122	25	945
March ..	861	1,005	282	92	56	428	129	25	1,012
April ..	597	1,049	260	84	47	359	120	28	899
May ..	666	1,302	417	143	37	353	109	32	1,091
June ..	601	954	319	51	52	283	98	36	839
1957-58 p—									
July ..	665	1,256	317	135	61	347	96	40	996
August ..	732	1,126	337	75	78	349	117	35	991
September ..	732	1,129	348	116	79	355	114	41	1,053

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.
dispute.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Affected by industrial

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.)(a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
Monthly Average—										
1947-48..	..	104	160	29	18	12	16	6	24	105
1948-49..	..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949-50..	..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950-51..	..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951-52..	..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952-53..	..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953-54..	..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954-55..	..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955-56..	..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956-57..	..	114	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
Monthly Total—										
1955-56—										
September	..	123	289	34	36	17	16	12	37	152
October	..	133	325	24	38	11	14	6	23	116
November	..	112	322	27	39	18	16	12	30	142
December	..	112	316	22	32	3	14	8	18	97
January(c)	..	65	213	15	20	4	5	3	17	64
February(c)	..	43	269	12	9	4	4	7	30	66
March	..	157	289	26	27	5	17	11	16	102
April	185	268	24	27	9	8	6	26	100
May	197	256	28	28	9	6	13	36	120
June	162	235	19	33	8	9	8	22	99
1956-57—										
July	79	276	14	20	9	8	11	25	87
August	125	329	28	28	8	6	6	28	104
September	..	101	214	19	34	8	10	5	42	118
October	..	107	220	26	38	8	7	13	36	129
November	..	110	243	22	39	8	8	7	28	112
December	..	99	204	17	24	5	8	4	24	82
January	82	249	13	29	5	3	9	31	91
February	83	156	17	29	10	8	6	37	106
March	145	221	27	40	7	8	9	33	124
April	173	238	19	36	8	7	5	39	114
May	172	219	20	39	6	12	7	37	121
June	103	183	17	32	5	10	6	32	102
1957-58 p—										
July	124	264	18	31	4	8	6	37	104
August	111	238	21	23	7	8	4	26	89
September	..	117	196	25	37	5	10	9	31	117

(a) Additional to figures for Tons Weight on page 45. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department at end of period.(a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in force at end of period.	Television Viewers' Licences in force at end of period.(b)	Telephone Services connected at end of period.	
				Lines.	Instruments.
	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Monthly Average.					
1947-48 ..	2,616	1,833	..	688	963
1948-49 ..	2,776	1,919	..	734	1,028
1949-50 ..	3,196	2,030	..	793	1,110
1950-51 ..	3,732	(c)2,110	..	864	1,209
1951-52 ..	4,948	1,961	..	927	1,301
1952-53 ..	5,367	1,986	..	985	1,384
1953-54 ..	5,650	2,042	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55 ..	6,069	2,035	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56 ..	6,612	2,089	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57 ..	7,519	2,107	74	1,279	1,814
Monthly Total.					
1955-56—					
October ..	6,766	2,051	..	1,159	1,634
November ..	6,437	2,050	..	1,166	1,643
December ..	7,141	2,055	..	1,173	1,653
January ..	6,097	2,065	..	1,179	1,662
February ..	6,285	2,069	..	1,185	1,671
March ..	6,802	2,068	..	1,190	1,679
April ..	6,117	2,075	..	1,195	1,685
May ..	7,352	2,081	..	1,201	1,695
June ..	7,422	2,089	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57—					
July ..	6,743	2,095	..	1,213	1,714
August ..	6,716	2,101	..	1,220	1,724
September ..	6,455	2,099	..	1,226	1,734
October ..	8,110	2,108	..	1,233	1,743
November ..	7,225	2,101	..	1,239	1,753
December ..	7,611	2,092	..	1,245	1,762
January ..	7,073	2,101	22	1,250	1,771
February ..	7,312	2,102	28	1,255	1,777
March ..	8,020	2,111	34	1,260	1,786
April ..	7,539	2,108	42	1,266	1,795
May ..	8,457	2,111	57	1,272	1,804
June ..	8,962	2,107	74	1,279	1,814
1957-58—					
July ..	7,423	2,113	90	1,284	1,823
August ..	7,532	2,117	106	1,290	1,833
September ..	7,503	2,123	120	1,296	1,843
October ..	8,563	2,112	133	1,303	1,853

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Licences, taken out in advance, did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

the period July, 1942, to December, 1951, supplementary licences for receivers in excess of one are included.

(c) During

For meaning of symbol ——, see page 1.

**COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA : CENTRAL BANKING
BUSINESS.**

(Including Note Issue Department.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS

(£A million.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.					
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1950-51.. ..	32.7	219.1	251.8	503.2	34.7	238.2	596.3	366.6
1951-52.. ..	38.1	255.5	293.6	468.8	31.1	270.9	470.6	503.1
1952-53.. ..	36.9	281.3	318.2	212.9	45.4	287.4	363.6	434.8
1953-54.. ..	38.5	299.7	338.2	(a) 306.8	41.7	283.4	512.6	408.0
1954-55.. ..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.5	415.9	459.8
1955-56.. ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7
1956-57.. ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8
1955-56—								
October ..	40.7	329.6	370.3	265.4	34.4	210.5	303.3	525.4
November ..	41.4	331.4	372.8	265.4	34.8	208.7	301.0	535.3
December(b) ..	48.3	343.5	391.8	265.4	36.5	205.2	297.6	552.8
January ..	47.4	333.5	380.9	265.4	40.6	207.3	298.1	534.0
February ..	42.8	330.6	373.4	281.9	33.5	211.4	293.2	511.0
March ..	41.5	335.9	377.4	300.4	36.0	211.0	274.0	540.6
April ..	45.9	336.2	382.1	292.9	27.8	200.8	258.4	530.5
May ..	45.1	329.7	374.8	272.4	34.4	204.3	263.4	509.6
June ..	43.9	330.4	374.3	260.4	37.2	204.1	270.2	503.9
1956-57—								
July	43.1	330.7	373.8	255.4	33.5	202.2	282.4	497.2
August	42.8	333.8	376.6	255.4	38.4	201.7	292.0	513.8
September	42.7	337.1	379.8	255.4	40.7	203.9	286.7	538.2
October	43.7	337.4	381.1	258.4	31.8	206.2	285.9	546.5
November	43.5	340.6	384.1	270.3	34.2	207.6	302.0	559.2
December(b) ..	50.9	348.9	399.8	270.3	27.6	205.4	317.9	555.5
January	51.0	341.4	392.4	272.1	34.9	203.3	339.5	525.8
February	43.5	336.1	379.6	297.6	35.5	206.2	364.7	498.4
March	43.3	337.5	380.8	320.7	30.1	204.8	386.8	488.2
April	44.1	344.6	388.7	340.3	19.8	208.3	428.0	470.6
May	46.3	337.8	384.1	340.3	20.6	212.3	450.7	461.5
June	43.9	337.7	381.6	340.3	28.0	208.9	459.1	459.8
1957-58—								
July	43.3	338.7	382.0	340.3	27.9	208.9	471.1	450.0
August	43.0	342.4	385.4	340.3	30.4	209.4	473.1	468.5
September	42.9	343.8	386.7	340.3	29.4	206.8	472.5	480.9
October	44.0	343.7	387.7	340.3	32.8	211.4	471.1	496.0

(a) From 3rd December, 1953, includes Special Account of Commonwealth Trading Bank. Previously the Special Deposit Account of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank was included in "Other Liabilities". (b) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

For meaning of symbol —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA(a),
and

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA

(RURAL CREDITS, MORTGAGE BANK AND INDUSTRIAL FINANCE DEPARTMENTS.)

(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)							Commonwealth Bank—Advances.					
	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Common- wealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Common- wealth Bank. (b)	Ad- vances.	Rural Credits Depart- ment.	Mortgage Bank Depart- ment.	Industrial Finance Department.		
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.					Hire Purchase.	Other.	
Average of Weekly Figures—													
1950-51	..	19.4	89.2	108.6	7.2	24.0	26.9	..	62.5	13.7	3.8	14.7	7.6
1951-52	..	20.1	90.6	110.7	6.6	26.4	13.3	..	76.4	19.7	4.1	15.5	8.7
1952-53	..	22.8	96.7	119.5	8.8	b 17.2	c 25.8	21.7	c 59.5	44.9	4.3	14.8	8.1
1953-54	..	35.3	120.9	156.2	11.0	23.4	29.9	34.8	69.2	43.2	4.5	16.6	4.7
1954-55	..	43.6	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	36.1	89.1	62.3	4.8	17.0	6.7
1955-56	..	46.3	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	33.2	103.9	73.8	5.1	16.6	9.0
1956-57	..	44.4	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	34.6	106.5	56.6	5.1	16.5	9.4
1955-56—													
October	..	48.6	136.5	185.1	10.8	8.5	40.0	32.7	105.0	52.0	5.1	17.0	8.9
November	..	48.4	139.6	188.0	10.1	10.5	40.0	32.7	105.0	46.7	5.1	17.2	9.1
December(d)	..	47.0	140.4	187.4	10.9	8.0	40.0	32.7	104.8	50.4	5.1	17.3	9.4
January	..	47.5	132.5	180.0	10.6	2.8	40.1	32.7	105.9	66.2	5.1	17.0	9.1
February	..	46.7	132.9	179.6	9.8	4.2	40.1	33.6	104.8	98.8	5.0	16.5	9.1
March	..	45.5	135.9	181.4	10.1	6.0	36.8	35.7	102.7	113.5	5.1	16.0	9.1
April	..	40.9	141.9	182.8	10.7	7.6	35.7	34.8	101.3	109.5	5.1	15.8	9.2
May	..	42.0	138.2	180.2	9.8	8.2	35.7	32.9	101.0	98.1	5.1	15.8	9.3
June	..	42.7	136.4	179.1	10.2	5.0	35.7	31.9	101.9	86.6	5.0	15.7	9.4
1956-57—													
July	..	42.7	132.7	175.4	8.9	2.0	35.7	31.2	105.3	76.9	5.1	15.7	9.2
August	..	43.3	135.8	179.1	9.3	4.0	36.3	31.2	106.0	64.8	5.1	15.8	9.3
September	..	43.1	135.8	178.9	9.6	4.0	37.2	31.2	106.2	56.6	5.1	16.3	9.3
October	..	43.1	138.8	181.9	9.9	2.8	36.5	31.7	108.2	51.4	5.1	16.7	9.4
November	..	43.7	142.9	186.6	10.3	4.3	35.9	33.7	107.9	44.8	5.1	17.2	9.5
December(d)	..	45.0	144.1	189.1	8.9	4.8	35.9	33.7	107.4	38.2	5.1	17.3	9.6
January	..	44.4	137.8	182.2	10.9	3.7	32.1	33.7	110.8	44.1	5.1	17.1	9.2
February	..	45.0	139.7	184.7	9.8	5.4	33.5	34.9	108.4	64.1	5.1	16.8	9.2
March	..	44.6	142.7	187.3	10.5	4.0	36.1	37.3	105.2	72.9	5.2	16.5	9.4
April	..	45.2	144.7	189.9	10.7	3.5	36.9	39.2	103.7	66.8	5.2	16.5	9.4
May	..	45.8	142.7	188.5	9.7	3.9	36.2	39.2	105.2	54.8	5.3	16.1	9.5
June	..	47.7	146.2	193.9	11.1	7.0	36.6	39.2	102.5	42.5	5.2	15.9	9.6
1957-58—													
July	..	49.5	143.3	192.8	10.7	6.0	39.0	39.2	107.3	41.2	5.3	15.8	9.6
August	..	50.6	144.1	194.7	10.6	5.6	43.0	39.2	105.5	30.5	5.4	15.8	9.7
September	..	50.4	145.4	195.8	11.4	3.7	47.0	39.2	104.6	22.2	5.4	15.9	9.9
October	..	50.8	152.5	203.3	11.3	5.2	49.3	39.2	105.2	20.7	5.5	16.1	9.8

(a) General Banking Division of Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) At the beginning of July, 1952, the General Banking Division opened, in the books of the Central Bank, a special deposit account with a balance approximating the amount that would be required if it were subject to Special Account provisions of the Banking Act 1945. This represents a change in the form of liquid assets which were previously held, predominantly, in Treasury Bills. (c) Between March and July, 1952, certain loans to building societies and *crédit foncier* loans for housing were transferred from the General Banking Division to the Commonwealth Savings Bank in exchange for Government Securities. The reduction in these loans (held by the General Banking Division) over this period was approximately £24,000,000. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for the fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols . . —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Accounts with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1936-37..	..	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(b) 15.0	.. 262.5
1937-38..	..	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(b) 21.4	.. 274.4
1938-39..	..	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	21.5	(b) 20.5	.. 288.1
1950-51..	..	247.7	(c) 896.5	1,144.2	59.3	36.9	89.2	500.3 (c) 479.3
1951-52..	..	238.2	963.5	1,201.7	60.6	32.4	67.0	466.0 621.4
1952-53..	..	218.7	943.7	1,162.4	74.7	123.1	84.0	211.7 638.1
1953-54..	..	239.8	1,035.7	1,275.5	71.2	99.4	127.6	285.2 658.5
1954-55(d)	..	263.0	1,047.7	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	269.1 776.8
1955-56..	..	263.1	1,032.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	238.8 804.4
1956-57..	..	299.5	1,028.5	1,328.0	63.7	51.2	151.3	254.1 762.6
1955-56—								
October	..	264.0	1,013.1	1,277.1	64.1	27.5	105.9	231.9 831.4
November	..	261.8	1,034.0	1,295.8	65.1	31.9	109.4	231.9 823.3
December(e)	..	259.3	1,062.2	1,321.5	71.4	45.0	109.4	231.9 814.5
January	..	261.3	1,070.5	1,331.8	76.4	92.8	112.4	231.9 784.2
February	..	259.7	1,072.2	1,331.9	66.9	111.6	116.4	247.4 773.7
March	..	259.4	1,075.0	1,334.4	65.7	91.6	118.3	263.9 776.2
April	262.8	1,058.7	1,321.5	60.5	62.1	118.3	257.3 786.8
May	265.9	1,011.9	1,277.8	66.8	41.5	118.3	238.7 798.4
June	269.2	991.2	1,260.4	65.7	28.9	120.2	227.7 793.9
1956-57—								
July	275.5	967.9	1,243.4	64.9	29.6	114.8	223.4 797.7
August	278.6	955.8	1,234.4	68.5	28.9	115.6	223.4 787.0
September	284.1	964.4	1,248.5	71.4	37.4	119.2	223.4 778.5
October	287.6	993.9	1,281.5	64.3	51.9	123.9	225.9 780.2
November	293.4	1,018.0	1,311.4	64.6	54.1	135.6	235.9 771.2
December (e)	299.2	1,041.4	1,340.6	65.9	62.5	150.3	235.9 762.2
January	305.6	1,056.9	1,362.5	73.1	83.3	166.7	237.7 744.9
February	310.1	1,080.8	1,390.9	66.2	88.6	182.1	261.8 732.5
March	312.9	1,103.4	1,416.3	60.2	92.4	188.4	282.7 725.5
April	311.9	1,083.1	1,395.0	51.7	47.7	184.0	300.4 743.5
May	316.3	1,052.4	1,368.7	55.8	27.7	173.5	300.4 757.3
June	321.2	1,040.9	1,362.1	56.1	15.9	167.6	300.4 766.2
1957-58—								
July	328.9	1,020.7	1,349.6	59.1	18.8	158.9	300.4 770.5
August	330.6	1,001.3	1,331.9	60.3	17.0	158.3	300.4 762.0
September	334.2	1,008.0	1,342.2	57.9	21.1	159.8	300.4 756.1
October	344.3	1,041.2	1,385.5	62.7	34.8	163.2	300.4 765.5

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) Includes Municipal Securities. (c) Figures are not strictly comparable with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities. (d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	+ Cash Treasury Bills.	+ Cash Treasury Bills + Other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936-37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2
1937-38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1
1938-39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7
1950-51	5.2	8.4	16.2	43.7	(c) 41.9
1951-52	5.0	7.7	13.3	38.8	51.7
1952-53	6.4	17.0	24.3	18.2	54.9
1953-54	5.6	13.4	23.4	22.4	51.6
1954-55(d)	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3
1955-56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1
1956-57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4
1955-56—						
October	5.0	7.2	15.5	18.2	65.1
November	5.0	7.5	15.9	17.9	63.5
December(e)	5.4	8.8	17.1	17.5	61.6
January	5.7	12.7	21.1	17.4	58.9
February	5.0	13.4	22.1	18.6	58.1
March	4.9	11.8	20.7	19.8	58.2
April	4.6	9.3	18.2	19.5	59.5
May	5.2	8.5	17.8	18.7	62.5
June..	5.2	7.5	17.0	18.1	63.0
1956-57—						
July	5.2	7.6	16.8	18.0	64.2
August	5.5	7.9	17.3	18.1	63.7
September	5.7	8.7	18.2	17.9	62.4
October	5.0	9.1	18.8	17.6	60.9
November	4.9	9.0	19.3	18.0	58.8
December(e)	4.9	9.6	20.8	17.6	56.9
January	5.4	11.5	23.7	17.4	54.7
February	4.8	11.1	24.2	18.8	52.7
March	4.3	10.8	24.1	20.0	51.2
April	3.7	7.1	20.3	21.5	53.3
May	4.1	6.1	18.8	21.9	55.3
June..	4.1	5.3	17.6	22.1	56.3
1957-58—						
July	4.4	5.8	17.6	22.3	57.1
August	4.5	5.8	17.7	22.5	57.2
September	4.3	5.9	17.8	22.4	56.3
October	4.5	7.0	18.8	21.7	55.2

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page. (b) Includes Municipal securities.
with earlier periods owing to changes in classification of some minor assets and liabilities.
(c) Figures are not strictly comparable.
(d) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in
vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .., —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)
(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1950-51..	..	267.1	985.7	1,252.8	66.5	60.9	116.1	500.3
1951-52..	..	258.3	1,054.1	1,312.4	67.2	58.8	80.3	466.0
1952-53..	..	241.5	1,040.4	1,281.9	83.5	140.3	109.9	233.5
1953-54..	..	275.1	1,156.6	1,431.7	82.2	122.8	157.5	320.0
1954-55(c)	..	306.5	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	305.2
1955-56..	..	309.4	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	272.0
1956-57..	..	343.9	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	288.7
1955-56—								
October	..	312.6	1,149.6	1,462.2	74.8	36.0	145.9	264.6
November	..	310.2	1,173.6	1,483.8	75.2	42.4	149.4	264.6
December(d)	..	306.3	1,202.6	1,508.9	82.3	53.0	149.5	264.6
January	..	308.8	1,202.9	1,511.7	87.0	95.6	152.5	264.6
February	..	306.5	1,205.1	1,511.6	76.7	115.8	156.5	281.1
March	..	304.9	1,210.9	1,515.8	75.8	97.6	155.1	299.6
April	303.6	1,200.7	1,504.3	71.2	69.7	154.0	292.1
May	307.9	1,150.1	1,458.0	76.6	49.7	154.0	271.6
June	311.9	1,127.6	1,439.5	75.9	33.9	155.9	259.6
1956-57—								
July	318.2	1,100.6	1,418.8	73.9	31.6	150.5	254.6
August	..	321.9	1,091.6	1,413.5	77.8	32.9	151.9	254.6
September	..	327.2	1,100.2	1,427.4	81.0	41.4	156.4	254.6
October	..	330.7	1,132.7	1,463.4	74.1	54.7	160.4	257.6
November	..	337.1	1,160.9	1,498.0	74.9	58.4	171.5	269.6
December(d)	..	344.2	1,185.5	1,529.7	74.8	67.3	186.2	269.6
January	..	350.0	1,194.7	1,544.7	84.0	87.0	198.8	271.3
February	..	355.1	1,220.5	1,575.6	76.0	94.0	215.7	296.8
March	..	357.6	1,246.1	1,603.7	70.7	96.4	224.5	319.9
April	357.1	1,227.8	1,584.9	62.4	51.2	221.0	339.6
May	362.0	1,195.2	1,557.2	65.5	31.6	209.6	339.6
June	368.8	1,187.2	1,556.0	67.2	22.9	204.2	339.6
1957-58—								
July	378.4	1,164.0	1,542.4	69.8	24.8	197.9	339.6
August	..	381.2	1,145.4	1,526.6	70.9	22.6	201.3	339.6
September	..	384.6	1,153.5	1,538.1	69.3	24.8	206.8	339.6
October	..	395.1	1,193.7	1,588.8	74.1	40.0	212.6	339.6

(a) General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank prior to 3rd December, 1953. (b) See footnote (a), page 50.
 (c) The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) included from March, 1955. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

COMMONWEALTH(a) AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(b)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills.	Cash + Treasury Bills + Other Common- wealth and State Government Securities.	Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1950-51	5.3	10.2	19.4	39.9	43.3	78.7
1951-52	5.1	9.6	15.7	35.5	53.2	80.3
1952-53	6.4	17.4	26.0	18.2	54.4	81.2
1953-54	5.7	14.3	25.3	22.3	50.8	80.8
1954-55(c)	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955-56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956-57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1955-56—						
October	5.1	7.6	17.6	18.1	64.0	78.6
November	5.1	7.9	18.0	17.8	62.6	79.1
December(d)	5.5	9.0	18.9	17.5	60.9	79.7
January	5.8	12.1	22.2	17.5	58.9	79.6
February	5.1	12.7	23.1	18.6	58.1	79.7
March	5.0	11.4	21.7	19.8	58.0	79.9
April	4.7	9.4	19.6	19.4	59.0	79.8
May	5.3	8.7	19.2	18.6	61.7	78.9
June..	5.3	7.6	18.5	18.0	62.2	78.3
1956-57—						
July	5.2	7.4	18.0	17.9	63.7	77.6
August	5.5	7.8	18.6	18.0	63.2	77.2
September	5.7	8.6	19.5	17.8	62.0	77.1
October	5.1	8.8	19.8	17.6	60.7	77.4
November	5.0	8.9	20.3	18.0	58.7	77.5
December(d)	4.9	9.3	21.5	17.6	56.9	77.5
January	5.4	11.1	23.9	17.6	55.4	77.3
February	4.8	10.8	24.5	18.8	53.4	77.5
March	4.4	10.4	24.4	20.0	51.8	77.7
April	3.9	7.2	21.1	21.4	53.5	77.5
May	4.2	6.2	19.7	21.8	55.4	76.7
June..	4.3	5.8	18.9	21.8	55.8	76.3
1957-58—						
July	4.5	6.1	19.0	22.0	56.9	75.5
August	4.6	6.1	19.3	22.2	56.8	75.0
September	4.5	6.1	19.6	22.1	56.0	75.0
October	4.7	7.2	20.6	21.4	54.8	75.1

(a) See footnote (a), page 52.
(b) See footnote (a), page 50.
(c) See footnote (c), page 52.
(d) See footnote (d), page 52.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA. (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Common- wealth Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Special Account with Com- monwealth Bank.	Advances.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		Treasury Bills.	Other.		
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1950-51..	279.6	1,017.6	1,297.2	71.4	64.0	127.5	503.6	598.4
1951-52..	271.7	1,091.5	1,363.2	72.3	61.7	94.4	468.6	759.7
1952-53..	256.8	1,076.3	1,333.1	(b) 88.2	(b) 144.2	(c) 123.0	234.6	(c) 762.3
1953-54..	290.4	1,196.0	1,486.4	87.3	130.1	170.8	321.1	793.7
1954-55..	322.6	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	306.3	938.1
1955-56..	325.7	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	272.8	984.1
1956-57..	360.9	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	289.4	946.8
1955-56—								
October ..	329.1	1,185.9	1,515.0	78.7	39.4	159.3	265.4	1,012.3
November ..	326.6	1,210.4	1,537.0	78.8	45.6	162.7	265.4	1,004.5
December(d) ..	322.6	1,240.8	1,563.4	86.5	56.4	163.3	265.4	995.2
January ..	325.1	1,243.8	1,568.9	91.5	98.9	166.8	265.4	966.3
February ..	322.9	1,248.9	1,571.8	81.2	120.8	170.8	281.9	954.4
March ..	321.0	1,254.7	1,575.7	79.9	104.4	169.4	300.4	954.6
April ..	319.7	1,244.2	1,563.9	75.0	76.1	168.3	292.9	964.7
May ..	324.1	1,192.0	1,516.1	80.6	54.5	168.3	272.4	976.2
June ..	328.4	1,167.7	1,496.1	79.6	37.4	170.3	260.4	972.4
1956-57—								
July ..	334.8	1,139.1	1,473.9	77.2	34.3	164.8	255.4	979.7
August ..	338.4	1,129.4	1,467.8	81.0	34.7	166.2	255.4	968.9
September ..	343.4	1,138.3	1,481.7	84.9	43.4	170.6	255.4	959.9
October ..	346.7	1,170.9	1,517.6	77.8	57.0	174.7	258.4	964.9
November ..	353.6	1,200.8	1,554.4	79.0	61.3	186.4	270.3	956.1
December(d) ..	361.2	1,226.2	1,587.4	78.9	70.4	201.4	270.3	947.3
January ..	367.2	1,237.7	1,604.9	88.1	90.9	214.3	272.1	933.8
February ..	372.5	1,265.7	1,638.2	80.3	99.9	231.9	297.6	919.0
March ..	374.9	1,291.8	1,666.7	74.6	102.9	240.8	320.7	909.6
April ..	374.5	1,272.5	1,647.0	66.2	57.4	236.7	340.3	926.7
May ..	379.4	1,238.3	1,617.7	69.4	37.3	224.8	340.3	942.0
June ..	386.8	1,228.7	1,615.5	71.3	27.1	219.2	340.3	948.4
1957-58—								
July ..	397.6	1,205.2	1,602.8	74.3	29.6	212.6	340.3	956.5
August ..	400.3	1,185.6	1,585.9	74.5	26.9	215.6	340.3	945.1
September ..	403.9	1,192.7	1,596.6	73.0	29.2	220.8	340.3	939.2
October ..	414.3	1,234.5	1,648.8	78.0	44.8	226.4	340.3	950.7

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Includes General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (Commonwealth Trading Bank from 3rd December, 1953), the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and from July, 1946, the Rural Department of the Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 49. (c) See note (c), page 49. (d) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol ——, see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—								
1950-51..	145.1	134.9	39.0	26.8	19.3	7.4	0.4	372.9
1951-52..	156.6	142.3	41.5	30.8	21.8	8.9	0.5	402.4
1952-53..	151.9	132.0	43.8	30.1	22.1	8.8	0.6	389.3
1953-54..	171.7	154.9	51.0	32.8	25.4	9.9	0.8	446.5
1954-55(b)	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.8	491.6
1955-56..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	1.0	521.4
1956-57..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	1.2	562.7
1955-56—								
October ..	202.9	183.8	57.0	37.6	25.9	11.0	1.0	519.2
November ..	216.1	196.1	57.7	41.6	27.7	11.2	1.0	551.4
December ..	214.1	205.2	59.6	42.6	28.8	11.8	1.0	563.1
January ..	183.9	172.2	52.9	39.3	30.0	10.4	1.1	489.8
February ..	187.1	184.0	50.9	39.8	27.8	10.9	1.0	501.5
March ..	199.7	191.1	54.5	41.4	26.8	12.2	1.2	526.9
April ..	201.2	190.2	52.0	38.4	27.0	12.6	1.0	522.4
May ..	218.0	199.2	58.3	43.1	28.2	13.5	1.1	561.4
June ..	203.8	181.0	60.9	40.4	25.4	12.7	1.1	525.3
1956-57—								
July ..	214.6	185.0	61.9	40.5	26.4	12.3	1.0	541.7
August ..	189.0	165.1	55.5	35.5	24.9	11.1	1.0	482.1
September ..	201.0	183.5	59.3	39.9	29.3	12.0	1.1	526.1
October ..	221.8	192.3	63.3	42.0	29.2	12.4	1.2	562.2
November ..	226.1	194.2	65.5	42.8	29.2	12.4	1.0	571.2
December ..	231.7	202.8	65.2	45.5	28.9	14.3	1.2	589.6
January ..	202.3	188.0	60.4	38.2	30.0	10.7	1.4	531.0
February ..	224.7	206.2	66.2	48.7	30.7	13.0	1.2	590.7
March ..	233.5	207.1	63.6	46.5	30.5	14.4	1.5	597.1
April ..	232.2	210.4	63.8	46.0	27.4	12.8	1.3	593.9
May ..	229.8	214.6	64.2	44.9	29.0	13.3	1.4	597.2
June ..	234.5	201.7	65.9	44.3	27.6	13.4	1.4	588.8
1957-58—								
July ..	235.9	204.5	70.9	46.5	28.5	12.8	1.6	600.7
August ..	205.8	184.0	60.2	38.7	26.3	11.2	1.3	527.5
September ..	227.4	196.6	67.3	43.1	29.6	11.8	1.2	577.0
October ..	233.6	210.5	69.2	44.1	32.4	12.0	1.5	603.3

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 54, the Rural Credits, Mortgage Bank and Industrial Finance Departments of the Commonwealth Bank. (b) Debits to Customers' Accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.) to The National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded for March, 1955 and subsequent months.

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

(£ million.)

At end of—	Amounts on Deposit in Savings Banks.								
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
1936-37 ..	82.0	75.7	27.3	26.5	11.8	7.2	0.1	0.3	230.9
1937-38 ..	86.0	78.9	28.2	27.2	12.0	7.7	0.1	0.3	240.4
1938-39 ..	87.5	80.5	29.0	27.4	12.4	8.4	0.1	0.3	245.6
1950-51 ..	284.5	281.8	98.8	97.8	44.7	27.1	1.0	1.7	837.4
1951-52 ..	304.5	300.8	102.7	103.7	47.2	30.1	1.1	1.8	891.9
1952-53 ..	319.1	320.0	109.4	113.9	49.8	32.1	1.1	2.1	947.5
1953-54 ..	339.8	339.8	117.4	122.9	52.6	34.0	1.3	2.3	1,010.1
1954-55 ..	358.6	364.8	124.8	131.7	53.6	35.8	1.5	2.6	1,073.4
1955-56 ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	1,141.0
1956-57 ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
1955-56—									
October	362.3	370.1	127.6	133.6	54.9	36.8	1.5	2.7	1,089.5
November	361.8	371.1	127.7	132.9	54.7	36.5	1.5	2.7	1,088.9
December	364.1	371.4	128.1	132.8	54.4	36.4	1.5	2.7	1,091.4
January	367.3	371.5	127.9	132.7	54.7	36.3	1.5	2.8	1,094.7
February	371.2	373.5	128.2	132.9	55.0	36.6	1.5	2.8	1,101.7
March	374.3	375.3	129.1	133.1	55.4	36.5	1.6	2.8	1,108.1
April ..	375.5	375.8	128.9	132.9	55.8	36.7	1.6	2.9	1,110.1
May ..	376.6	376.9	128.8	132.3	56.1	36.6	1.6	3.0	1,111.9
June ..	386.6	386.2	132.7	135.7	57.9	37.2	1.7	3.0	^a 1,141.0
1956-57—									
July ..	390.2	388.3	134.1	136.7	58.6	37.6	1.7	3.0	1,150.2
August	394.6	392.7	135.9	137.2	59.6	38.3	1.8	3.0	1,163.1
September	399.5	396.3	137.9	137.7	60.5	38.5	1.8	3.1	1,175.3
October	403.1	398.9	139.4	138.2	61.0	38.5	1.8	3.1	1,184.0
November	405.4	401.6	140.5	138.6	61.4	38.4	1.8	3.2	1,190.9
December	406.0	400.4	140.8	137.6	61.1	38.2	1.7	3.1	1,188.9
January	408.0	400.4	140.1	137.6	61.0	38.3	1.8	3.1	1,190.3
February	411.9	402.7	140.6	138.8	61.2	38.6	1.8	3.1	1,198.7
March	412.3	402.2	140.4	138.5	61.1	38.5	1.8	3.2	1,198.0
April ..	411.2	400.6	140.4	138.3	61.0	38.4	1.8	3.2	1,194.9
May ..	413.1	402.8	141.3	138.7	61.3	38.5	1.8	3.3	1,200.8
June ..	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	^a 1,227.4
1957-58—									
July ..	424.9	412.9	146.5	143.2	63.0	39.2	2.0	3.4	1,235.1
August	429.1	416.9	148.7	143.9	63.8	39.9	2.0	3.4	1,247.7
September	430.9	418.0	150.1	144.2	64.1	39.8	2.1	3.5	1,252.7
October	436.0	422.0	152.1	146.1	65.1	40.0	2.1	3.5	1,266.9

(a) Interest added 1955-56, £23.3m. : 1956-57, £29.1m. The major part of this interest was added in June each year.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies Issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department.		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	
	Number.	Sum Assured. £'000.	Number.	Sum Assured. £'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—									
1937 ..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.
1938 ..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.
1939 ..	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.
1950-51..	21,642	15,206	22,713	2,423	3,210	1,043	1,310	491	3,893
1951-52..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963
1952-53..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011
1953-54..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872
1954-55..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319
1955-56..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744
1956-57..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992
Monthly Total—									
1955-56—									
August ..	28,314	30,682	21,003	3,316	5,702	1,182	2,322	864	5,217
September ..	35,366	36,605	22,065	3,476	6,072	1,272	2,415	814	5,191
October ..	20,584	22,642	19,056	2,887	5,192	1,262	2,020	821	4,447
November ..	25,697	26,896	18,249	2,846	5,352	1,284	2,177	784	6,011
December ..	27,944	45,467	17,075	2,864	6,340	1,558	2,584	706	5,473
January ..	13,527	14,085	3,568	507	4,786	641	1,619	595	3,518
February ..	20,759	20,434	16,586	2,495	4,990	1,229	2,250	769	4,376
March ..	24,048	24,706	19,946	3,059	5,440	1,296	2,196	840	5,044
April ..	22,109	22,613	18,158	2,736	5,886	1,225	2,072	737	3,935
May ..	24,309	30,292	18,499	2,870	6,686	1,280	2,484	884	4,292
June ..	25,121	28,997	19,019	2,952	7,168	1,324	2,596	855	5,338
1956-57—									
July ..	24,612	31,567	20,260	3,211	6,846	1,203	2,674	912	5,796
August ..	26,391	31,273	20,595	3,233	6,257	1,284	2,627	953	4,724
September ..	32,415	38,409	24,957	3,897	6,371	1,242	2,432	840	4,746
October ..	22,802	30,266	16,139	2,484	6,223	1,265	2,651	907	4,517
November ..	25,701	32,053	18,673	2,974	6,006	1,429	2,381	852	5,931
December ..	27,565	54,543	14,746	2,557	6,209	1,480	2,343	669	5,643
January ..	13,445	17,087	5,383	801	5,734	756	2,118	644	3,400
February ..	19,066	26,103	16,373	2,523	5,780	1,235	2,328	775	3,609
March ..	25,291	31,747	18,375	2,866	6,282	1,245	2,606	858	5,698
April ..	21,986	27,805	18,850	2,936	6,450	1,254	2,389	832	5,085
May ..	25,644	34,790	17,023	2,653	7,323	1,274	2,665	963	5,525
June ..	27,024	36,554	18,934	3,003	7,971	1,306	2,427	887	5,231
1957-58—									
July ..	28,518	46,239	19,963	3,239	7,997	1,305	2,954	1,089	5,030
August ..	28,179	37,205	21,061	3,345	6,922	1,271	2,931	1,113	4,504
September ..	31,917	40,560	23,220	3,673	7,187	1,329	2,852	925	4,476

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947-48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns.
 (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

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EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York. (b)	Australia on New York. (c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	
1936-37 ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(h) 5.3
1937-38 ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h) 5.3
1938-39 ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i) 5.4 (i)
1950-51 ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.492	12.400	1.99	3.21	4.4
1951-52 ..	125.25	2.796	2.224	15.492	12.400	2.05	3.95	4.4
1952-53 ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.492	12.400	3.03	4.54	4.7
1953-54 ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1955-56—								(i) (j)
October ..	125.25	2.739	2.222	15.625	12.528	3.96	4.53	5.6
November ..	125.25	2.802	2.230	15.625	12.477	4.07	4.52	5.6
December ..	125.25	2.803	2.230	15.625	12.478	4.19	4.53	5.7
January ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.465	4.13	4.54	5.8
February ..	125.25	2.807	2.233	15.625	12.466	4.26	4.57	5.8
March ..	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.472	4.68	5.12	5.9
April ..	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.460	4.97	5.18	5.9
May ..	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.461	5.02	5.19	6.0
June ..	125.25	2.802	2.230	15.625	12.437	5.13	5.34	6.1
1956-57—								
July ..	125.25	2.794	2.224	15.625	12.528	4.68	5.15	6.2
August ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.581	4.70	5.05	6.3
September ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.579	4.99	5.04	6.4
October ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.575	4.68	5.05	6.5
November ..	125.25	2.783	2.214	15.625	12.569	4.60	5.07	6.6
December ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.532	4.69	5.09	6.6
January ..	125.25	2.796	2.225	15.625	12.479	4.68	5.04	6.6
February ..	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.469	4.70	5.05	6.6
March ..	125.25	2.793	2.223	15.625	12.499	4.70	5.03	6.6
April ..	125.25	2.789	2.219	15.625	12.520	4.77	5.06	6.6
May ..	125.25	2.791	2.221	15.625	12.516	4.70	5.05	6.7
June ..	125.25	2.790	2.221	15.625	12.539	4.62	5.04	6.7
1957-58—								
July ..	125.25	2.788	2.219	15.625	12.551	4.48	5.02	6.8
August ..	125.25	2.783	2.215	15.625	12.565	4.51	5.01	6.9
September ..	125.25	2.785	2.216	15.625	12.552	4.44	4.98	6.9
October ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.492	4.36	5.00	6.9

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate.
 Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5, and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.
(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—								Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate).	Commonwealth Loans (Long Term).			
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).									
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.								
1940—1st March ..	1.75	2.25	2.50	2.75	4.25	(b)	2.00	1.75	3.625	1.75	3.625			
28th May ..	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50	4.25					1.50	3.250			
1941—22nd Sept. ..	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.25	4.25		2.00	1.50	3.250					
1942—14th March ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.50	3.250					
1943—1st May ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250					
1944—17th January ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	2.00	4.25	5.00	2.00	1.25	3.250					
11th August ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.25	3.250					
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250					
1st December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250					
1946—20th November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125					
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125					
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125					
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c) 1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750					
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750					
25th November ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d) 1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500					
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500					
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500					
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500					
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000					
4th December ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e) 6.00	(e) 6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000					

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank.

(b) Rates for Private Trading

Banks not published, but predominant rates between 1936 and 1940 were 5.25 per cent. to 5.50 per cent. On 1st July, 1940, rates in excess of 5.25 per cent. were reduced by 0.25 per cent. and on 1st January, 1942, there was a further reduction of 0.125 per cent.

(c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)
(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.	States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.	States.	Total.
30th June—				1955-56—			
1937 ..	..	46,408	46,408	30th June ..	165,000	..	165,000
1938 ..	..	46,598	46,598	1956-57—			
1939 ..	..	50,228	50,228	31st July ..	155,000	2,250	157,250
1950 ..	108,280	..	108,280	31st August ..	190,000	3,000	193,000
1951 ..	108,280	2,400	110,680	30th Sept. ..	210,000	3,000	213,000
1952 ..	153,280	..	153,280	31st Oct. ..	240,000	3,000	243,000
1953 ..	225,000	..	225,000	30th Nov. ..	255,000	11,000	266,000
1954 ..	190,000	..	190,000	31st Dec. ..	270,000	14,000	284,000
1955 ..	160,000	..	160,000	31st Jan. ..	260,000	14,000	274,000
1956 ..	165,000	..	165,000	28th Feb. ..	270,000	14,000	284,000
1957 ..	150,000	..	150,000	31st Mar. ..	260,000	12,000	272,000
1955-56—				30th April ..	190,000	12,000	202,000
30th Nov. ..	210,000	5,900	215,900	31st May ..	147,000	9,000	156,000
31st Dec. ..	255,000	7,400	262,400	30th June ..	150,000	..	150,000
31st Jan. ..	255,000	7,400	262,400	1957-58—			
29th Feb. ..	265,000	7,400	272,400	31st July ..	139,000	3,000	142,000
31st Mar. ..	280,000	6,400	286,400	31st August ..	160,000	3,000	163,000
30th April ..	220,000	5,900	225,900	30th Sept. ..	185,000	3,000	188,000
31st May ..	180,000	3,900	183,900	31st Oct. ..	216,000	3,000	219,000

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.
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COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

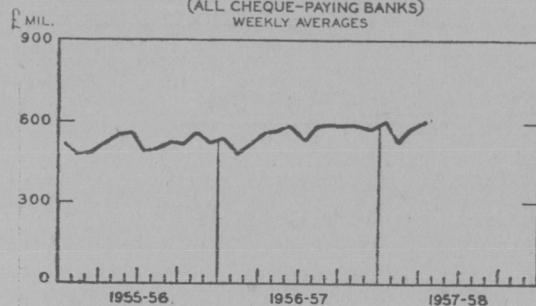
CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

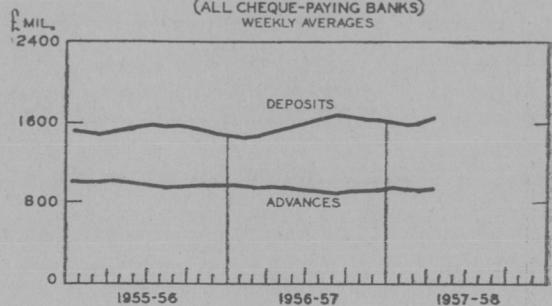
Period.	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(a)
REVENUE.									
1938-39	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.6
1951-52	168.9	81.7	55.7	37.5	34.0	10.5	388.3	1,016.8	1,256.1
1952-53	182.8	97.0	63.2	44.2	38.7	12.1	438.0	1,040.1	1,305.8
1953-54	188.7	106.7	69.7	48.4	43.6	13.3	470.4	1,022.8	1,314.3
1954-55	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.5
1955-56	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.7
1956-57	225.0	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	578.1	1,311.8	1,674.3
1957-58 (Estimate)	232.4	141.5	88.4	66.8	55.9	20.0	605.0	1,331.0	1,703.2
1955-56—									
July—August ..	30.3	16.0	10.9	7.3	7.1	1.9	73.5	142.4	189.1
—September ..	45.4	24.4	17.4	11.0	10.7	3.5	112.4	208.9	280.9
—October ..	60.9	32.8	23.3	14.4	14.4	4.6	150.4	280.0	376.6
1956-57—									
July—August ..	31.4	16.3	11.7	8.2	8.1	2.2	77.9	145.1	192.7
—September ..	47.6	24.8	17.9	12.2	12.2	4.1	118.8	212.4	285.8
—October ..	65.7	35.0	25.1	16.6	16.5	5.3	164.2	287.7	391.3
1957-58—									
July—August ..	33.7	18.8	12.9	9.8	8.2	2.2	85.6	150.8	204.0
—September ..	50.4	28.0	19.7	14.5	12.3	4.2	129.1	221.3	302.0
—October ..	68.8	38.3	26.9	19.4	16.7				
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.5
1951-52	168.8	84.1	55.7	37.5	34.5	10.9	391.5	1,016.8	1,259.3
1952-53	182.7	97.4	63.0	44.2	39.2	11.8	438.3	1,040.1	1,306.1
1953-54	188.6	106.0	69.3	46.6	43.7	13.3	467.5	1,022.8	1,311.4
1954-55	197.6	115.5	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.9	1,067.4	1,382.1
1955-56	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.6
1956-57	224.9	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	585.1	1,311.8	1,681.3
1957-58 (Estimate)	232.3	145.0	90.0	67.3	58.6	21.1	614.3	1,331.0	1,712.5
1955-56—									
July—August ..	28.5	18.1	12.3	8.9	8.1	2.2	78.1	151.4	202.6
—September ..	45.9	28.0	18.0	13.4	12.3	3.9	121.5	245.0	326.2
—October ..	64.1	38.6	24.2	18.1	16.7	6.0	167.7	331.1	445.0
1956-57—									
July—August ..	32.0	18.9	13.9	9.5	9.6	2.5	86.4	179.2	235.3
—September ..	49.4	29.6	20.2	14.1	14.0	4.3	131.6	262.8	349.0
—October ..	69.4	41.7	28.1	19.8	18.6	6.0	183.6	354.4	477.4
1957-58—									
July—August ..	33.5	21.5	14.2	9.9	9.6	2.7	91.4	181.6	240.6
—September ..	49.5	31.5	21.0	14.9	14.2	4.8	135.9	272.1	359.6
—October ..	71.4	45.6	29.2	21.1	19.3				

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of payroll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated. (b) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications.

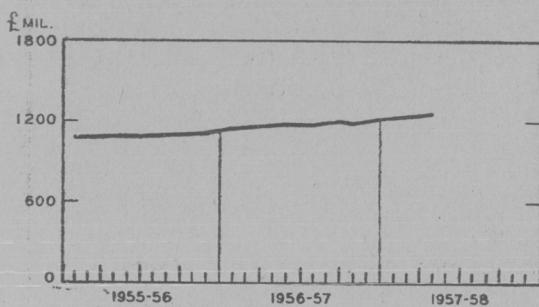
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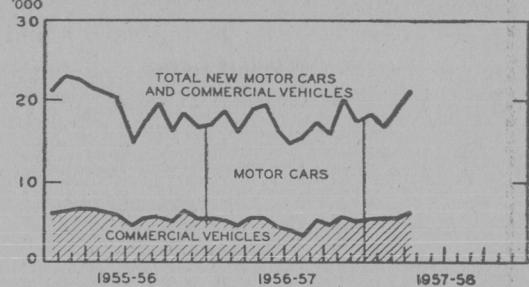
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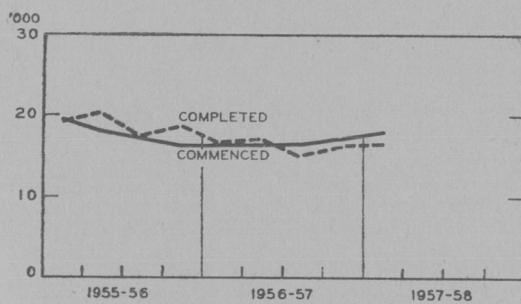
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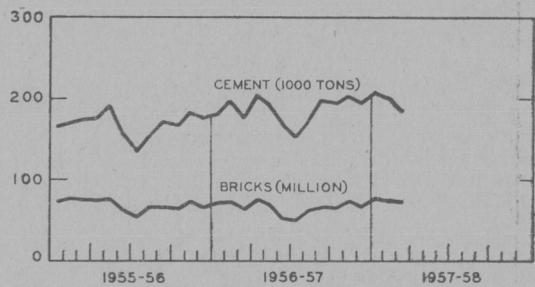
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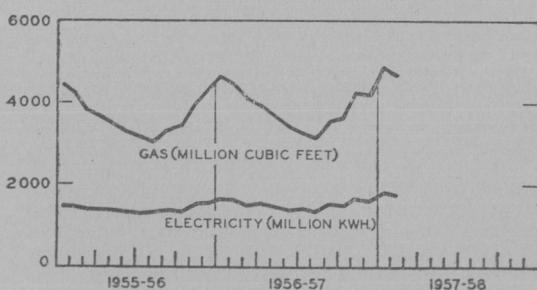
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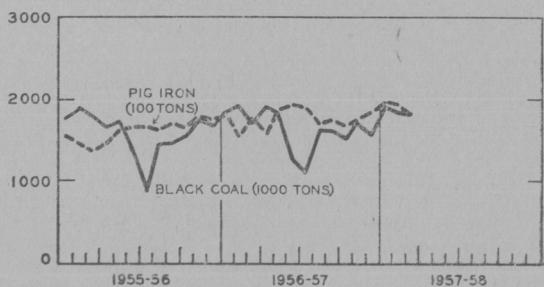
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